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CROATIA FIRES!

● "Don't get in my way," says JUST's Oscar Crino as he hurdles Blacktown's Kurt Reynolds.

By LES SHORROCK

THE fortunes of the Melbourne NSL clubs underwent a welcome change for the better last week, as three of them won, two drew and only one lost against interstate opposition.

Pride of place went to Preston Makedonia, which revelled in the mud at Wollongong's Brandon Park to down the home side by the odd goal in five.

Mercurial Croatia showed it was back to its best again, following up its four-goal spree of the previous week to beat a St George side that came fresh from a midweek victory over champion Marconi.

JUST welcomed back Joe Palatsides and Ken Murphy and Murphy really turned it on as JUST eased its relegation fears somewhat with a clear-cut win over fellow-struggler Blacktown City.

South Melbourne, having surprisingly dumped captain Bobby Russell in the wake of its NSL Cup dismissal at the hands of Adelaide City, garnered a tough away point at Marconi's expense, but Heidelberg disappointingly dropped a point at home to Apia.

Sunshine George Cross was the only loser, coming away from Adelaide empty-handed, a result that hardly surprised, since Adelaide City can lay claim to being the most improved team in the League, having racked up eight wins on the trot.

BOBBY GETS THE BOOT

● The South Melbourne club stalwart was abruptly dismissed from the club last Thursday.

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HEIDELBERG snaps up BOBBY RUSSELL, and is negotiating for STEVE SMITH and STEVE GOJEVIC. ALSO Greek star CON KOUIS guests this week.

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VSF LAUNCHES APPEAL

COINCIDENTALLY, as I was writing in last week's Snippets column about the Box Hill players' generosity, the VSF was deciding at its Board meeting to launch its own appeal for the Liverpool Disaster Fund.

The VSF itself has kicked off the Appeal with $500 and we of the Offside Club have also donated $500.

There was a lone VSF dissenter, I believe, who raised the objection that the VSF didn't open an appeal after the Heysel tragedy, so why support the Liverpool Fund.

There is of course a big difference between the two events.

The Heysel deaths were caused by violence, the Hillsborough ones weren't.

Almost a third of the Hillsborough victims were teenagers and younger, the youngest victim was a mere 10 years old.

That is why the hearts of true soccer-lovers all over the world went out to the grieving families in Liverpool, and that is why almost a million people turned Liverpool's Anfield Stadium into a shrine of remembrance for a week. For the benefit of any of our readers wishing to donate we have provided a form at the foot of this page.

After the VSF Appeal closes, we will publish a full list of all the donors, even if it fills this page.

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IT CAN HAPPEN HERE

Since the Hillsborough tragedy, it has been interesting to listen to the reactions of the leaders of Melbourne footy, who at times show the same crass insensitivity as our mandarins.

I was absolutely appalled for instance, to see VFL boss Ross Oakley on television saying, of course Hillsborough couldn't happen here, as thousands were being turned away from Collingwood's Victoria Park, and TV footage inside the ground showed people hanging from every vantage point at risk of life and limb.

Collingwood's ground is so antiquated and ramshackle that another Bradford or Hillsborough could easily come about.

I shudder to think what might have happened if some foolish police superintendant had decided to open the gates and let the disappointed fans in at that game, instead of turning them away.

Hillsborough is a far more modern stadium than Victoria Park, and if the VFL's best-supported club continues to be successful, it could yet have problems.

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SNIPPETS

by LES SHOMRON

HOLLAND v WEST GERMANY AN EYE-OPENER

The World Cup qualifying match between Holland and West Germany was a real eye-opener, in more ways than one.

There is no love lost between the two countries of course, even 44 years after the war, and in addition, each country feels it has a debt to settle. Holland hasn't forgotten losing that famous World Cup-Final in 1974, and West Germany can't forget losing to Holland in the 1988 European Championship semi-final.

So it was not surprising I suppose, that their latest clash was full of needle.

Players tripped opponents blatantly and the two strikers, Rudi Voeller of West Germany and Marco van Basten of Holland were singled out for such rough treatment that eventually Voeller had to limp off.

What was surprising was the tolerance of the Swedish referee.

He didn't produce a yellow card until half way through the second period and the look of dismay on the face of recipient Matthaus was almost comical to behold.

He obviously thought, as I did, that his offence was a mere flea-bite, compared to what had gone before.

Still, that's European football at its peak, very tough.

What appalled me more was the behaviour of the Dutch fans.

The one-minute silence before the game was treated with derision by the orange-bedecked hooligans.

Remarkably for such an orderly nation, the Dutch fans have taken over from the English as the scourge of Europe.

The Rotterdam police presence at the game was 700 strong, mounted as well as on foot, but even they had their hands full as the Dutch went at the Germans after the game, as TV so graphically showed.

It took the mind back to that disgraceful day in October last year, when some moron in the crowd at the same ground threw a smoke-bomb that scored a direct hit on the unfortunate Cyprus goalkeeper, Andreas Haritou.

Haritou was carried off with an eye injury and his team-mates followed. The Cypriots were persuaded to return over an hour later and went on to lose the match, not surprisingly 8-0.

UEFA, as usual, went overboard and decided to award the game to Cyprus, but had a change of heart and eventually the game was replayed behind closed doors in Amsterdam, the Dutch winning 4-0.

Even that wasn't the end of the matter though.

Greece, in the same Group, decided to buy into the argument for their own ends and made themselves look foolish in the eyes of the football world by declaring that they would field a B-team against the Dutch in the now meaningless final match of the Group.

This was in protest against UEFA's change of heart, which really had nothing to do with them anyway.

In the event, the Dutch trounced the substitute eleven 3-0 on the island of Rhodes, to where the match had been switched to avoid trouble in Athens (the Greeks have their hooligans too!).

The whole unsavoury business took a lot of shine off Holland's finals qualification, more's the pity as the Dutch last year demonstrated that they were without doubt the best team in the Championship.

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IS JACQUES GEORGES BLIND OR MERELY ANGLOPHOBIC?

Jacques Georges, the pusillanimous President of UEFA wil never be forgiven for his ill-timed, insensitive, uninformed, and prejudiced remarks about Liverpool supporters only two days after Hillsborough.

His belated apologies have been treated with the contempt they deserve.

No matter how extensively I have read international soccer magazines, I can't ever recall Georges condemning the fans of another club in his domain, and don't forget he is President of the biggest soccer group in the world after FIFA, 33 countries no less.

No Dutch club has ever felt the lash of his tongue, nor for that matter has Juventus, (criticising that club of course is out of the question), and I've never read of him condemning Real Madrid's notorious group Sur.

Thanks to glasnost, we are now being told about Russia's problems; only days after Hillsborough the Moscow police were telling how they had frisked supporters and discovered a frightening array of weapons.

They also revealed how it took 1000 militiamen to keep the peace in a recent UEFA Cup match in Russia.

Hooliganism, like alcoholism, is a big problem in Russia, but I've never heard of Georges condemning a Russian club.

I've been waiting to hear him fulminating against the events in Rotterdam, but I think I'll die wondering.

One thing's for sure, those perimeter fences won't be coming down at Feyenoord, or for that matter at Ajax Amsterdam's De Meer Stadium either. (Imagine Feyenoord v Ajax Amsterdam without a perimeter fence . . . the mind boggles.

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HOOLIGANISM HERE IS PETTY

Compared with Europe's, hooliganism here is petty . . . irritating, mindless, but small-time.

Unfortunately, the ethnic make-up of the NSL encourages hooliganism from the flag-waving morons.

It surfaced again at Heidelberg's Olympic Village on the morning of the Bergers' match against Melbourne Croatia.

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NAME ADDRESS

AD CITY SPOILT MY DAY

By PAUL WADE

DESPITE the bitter disappointment of not being able to take part, I set out for the South Melbourne NSL Cup semi-final clash with Adelaide City last Tuesday week in great spirits.

It was a public holiday, the weather was glorious, and I was confident that we would advance another step along the way to adding another piece of silverware to the South Trophy cabinet.

The Dockerty and Buffalo Cups are already there and I was thinking even if we should miss out on the championship, three honours out of four isn't bad.

It had all the ingredients for being a great day, and the opening stages of the game gave the impression that my hopes would come true.

Early South pressure almost paid off in the 8th minute when Paul Trimboli put Kimon Taliadoros through, and Kim was unlucky enough to hit the cross-bar with Adelaide goal-keeperRobert Zabica well beaten.

But after that the first half ground to a halt as Adelaide City played its patient keepings-off game and South let it and the spectators yawned their heads off.

The only bright spot was the return of the club captain Bobby Russell.

In an eye-catching display he let everyone know he was back with some crunching tackles and he harried every black and white shirt that came within range.

Adcity posed no danger until the 31st minute when Tony Vidmar skipped a Paul Fernandez tackle on the left and sent over an inch-perfect cross that brother Aurelio blasted over the bar.

Mick Petersen tried a shot that flew well wide following a Trimboli free, then Aurelio Vidmar chipped the advancing Bruce McLaren only to see the ball rebound off the cross bar again.

Things are looking up I thought, we might still have a competitive game on our hands, but I was wrong, the game sank back into its torpor and the two teams went in for the break level at one bar apiece.

But the crowd had scarcely settled back in their seats after half-time when things went horribly wrong for South.

Poor Steve Blair was forced to fend off an awkwardly bouncing ball with his fore-arm right under Chris Bambridge's nose and the referee pointed straight to the penalty-spot.

Sergio Melta strolled up and coolly planted the ball well beyond Bruce McLaren's reach.

That was bad enough, but worse was to follow.

A South midfielder was caught in possession, and Aurelio Vidmar nipped through a gap in a defence caught square and then, facing an onrushing goal-keeper, coolly squared to Steve Maxwell who gleefully banged the ball past the stranded McLaren.

Southcoach Brian Garvey had replaced Kimon Taliadoros (the hat-trick hero of the previous Cup round) with out of favour Paul Foster at half-time and now he made his second sub-stitution, Damien Mori for Steve Blair who was limping.

But Adcity stayed in command and the lines-man had to come to South's rescue with an offside flag at the 65th minute mark when Charlie Villani headed in from a free-kick.

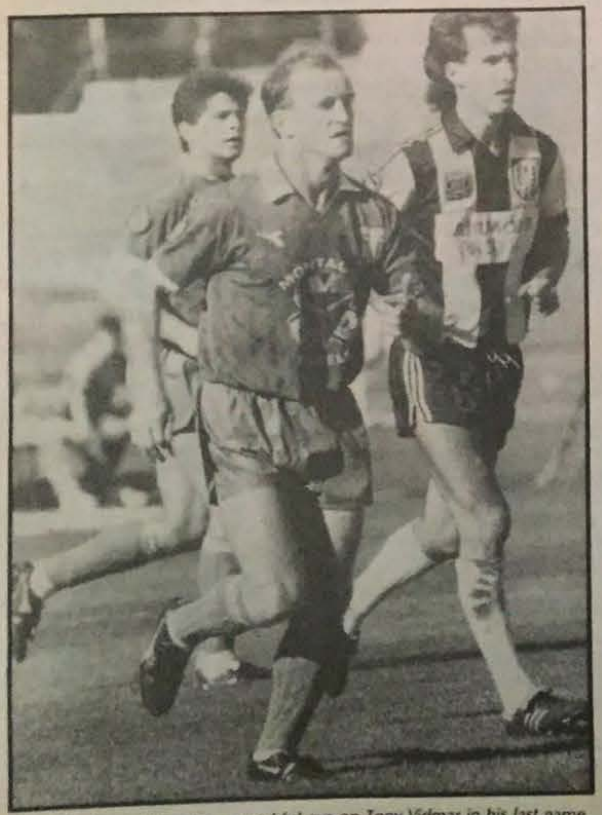
South pushed up in the closing stages and went close with attempts by Danny Wright and Bobby Russell, but to no avail and in the end Adcity ran out easy winners.

So much for my high hopes of another South triumph.

The loss was the culmination of a nightmare fortnight for me, what with the World Cup loss, a broken leg, and my initiation into journalism.

I hope I can get a grasp of this writing caper, so far it seems its going to be harder than playing, but I'll be back next week, don't you worry about that.

BOBBY GETS THE BOOT



● *Bobby Russell keeping a watchful eye on Tony Vidmar in his last game for South Melbourne.*

BOBBY Russell, the 1986 NSL Rothmans Medal winner had his South Melbourne career terminated last Thursday morning after nearly seven years' service with the club.

The end came without warning, indeed Russell left training the night before under the impression that he would be playing two nights later against Marconi in Sydney.

At that training session the night after South's lacklustre performance in the NSL Cup semi-final, coach Brian Garvey had called some senior players aside to discuss ways of countering the menace of Marconi's Zlatko Nastevski, the League's leading goalscorer.

It had been decided that Nastevski needed marking closely, and Russell went home feeling that the task would be his.

But he was to be rudely disillusioned the next morning, when a 'phone call from club secretary Jim Armstrong informed him bluntly "your services are no longer required."

● *Russell the successful Dockerty Cup coach.*

Bobby Russell arrived at South Melbourne in 1982, after three years with Sydney Croatia and four with Adelaide City.

In the next six seasons he never missed a game, until he was injured in June '88, and in the eyes of South fans he came to personify the perfect club servant, a model player whom the younger players looked up to for inspir-ation, the personification of a club captain.

With his service, he was entitled to believe that he would end his playing career at South, and he says that club president Bill Georgantis had intimated as much to him.

At the start of this year, when Brian Garvey was overseas, South entrus-ted him with the task of coaching the young team that played in the Dockerty Cup.

His charges reached the Cup-final, then won the Cup on default and it was a success that Bobby says gave him as big a charge as winning the Rothmans Medal.

His unceremonious dumping reflects great dis-credit on South Mel-bourne. This is a club that prides itself on its pro-fessional attitude and re-gards itself as a role model for lesser clubs.

But the poorest slub in the lowest league couldn't have handled russell's departure more ineptly or with less grace.

No farewell game, no testimonial for long service, just a free transfer and a curt "see you later" . . . it stinks.

Bobby Russell signed for Heidelbreg on Monday and will play against Marconi on Sunday, together with Greek international guest player, Kostas Douis of Aris Thessaloniki.

He says he was "shattered" by his dumping but that he now has a new goal, to help to save Heidelberg from relegation.

Whether that can be done is problematical but one thing's for sure, Russell the model 'pro will be giving all he's got, because he doesn't know how to "cheat".

NSL DETAILS

NSL CUP SEMI-FINAL

SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Melta pen. 46th, Maxwell 52nd)
At Olympic Park, Tuesday. Referee C. Bambridge.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren — Russell, Fernandes, Blair (Mori 76th), Postecoglou — Petersen, Wright, Tasios, Micheil — Taliadoros (Foster HT), Trimboli. Coach Brian Garvey.
ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica — Shillabeer, Ivanovic, T. Vidmar (Clarkson 76th, Tobin — Melta, Santraci, A. Villani — Mullen, Maxwell (Barbaro 80th). Coach Zoran Matic.

MARCONI 0 ST GEORGE 2 (Pottier 22nd, Bingley 54th)
At Marconi Stadium, Tuesday. Match postponed from March 19.

Referee R. Lorenc. Cautions McCulloch (M), Koczka (St.G).
MARCONI: Catlin, Carter, Calderan, Wheatley, De Marigny — Gray, McCulloch, Colagiuri (Nastevski 59th), Katholos (Colucci 78th) — Lowe, De Jong. Coach Berti Mariani.
ST GEORGE: Gibson — Green, Ratcliffe, Koczka, Grbevski (Krslovic 86th) — O'Shea, Harper, (McGregor 60th), Ilic, Pottier — Bingley, Ollerenshaw. Coach Frank Arok.

ROUND FIFTEEN DETAILS

MARCONI 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 0
At Marconi Stadium, Friday. Referee R. Lorenc.

MARCONI: Catlin — Carter, Wheatley, Calderan, De Marigny — Gray, McCulloch, Katholos, Nastevski (Colagiuri 25th) — De Jong, Lowe. Coach Berti Mariani.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren — Healy, Fernandes, Blair, Postecoglou — Micheil, Foster, Tasios, Tsolakis — Taliadoros, Trimboli. Coach Brian Garvey.

MELBOURNE JUST 2 (Durakovic 30th, Retre 82nd) BLACKTOWN 0.
At Schintler Reserve, Saturday. Referee J. Santa Isabel.

MELBOURNE JUST: Raponi — Lazopoulos, Karic, van Egmond, Deankovic — Durakovic, Kalogeros (Mitrovski 78th), Crino, Murphy — Barnes (Retre 79th), Palatsides. Coach John Margarites.
BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson — L. Sterrey, Reynolds, Northam, G. Sterrey — Murphy (Odzakov HT), Naumov (Gibson 75th), Maier, Van Blerk — McKinna, Arambasic. Coach Les Scheinflug.

HEIDELBERG 1 (Stubbins 55th) APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Kosmina pen. 25th)
At Olympic Village, Sunday. Referee D. Willcocks.

HEIDELBERG: Olver — Bordignon (Alagozides HT), Scott, McDowall, Giannakopoulos — Kanesoulis, Stewart, Ousalkas, Tredinnick — Stubbins, Stevenson. Coach Miron Bleiberg.
APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano — Ellam, Halliday, Radislavlevic, M. Brown, — Mason, Ricoy, Bundalo, Hagan — Kosmina, R. Brown. Coach Michael Urukalo.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Adzic 4th, 86th) ST GEORGE 1 (o.g. 57th)
At Somers St. Sunday. Referee C. Bambridge.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Rados — Davidson, Selemides, Hannah Talajic — Duzel, Milosevic, Biskic, Adzic (Cannell 87th) — Caleta, Awaritefe. Coach Ivan Reznjevic.
ST GEORGE: Gibson — Green, McGregor, Ratcliffe, Grbevski — O'Shea, Harper, Ilic, Pottier — Ollerenshaw, Bingley. Coach Frank Arok.

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Villani 4th, 63rd) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0
At Olympic Sportsfield, Sunday. Referee D. Campbell.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica — Shillabeer (T. Vidmar 69th), Ivanovic, Flounders, Tobin — Melta, Santrac, Villani, A. Vidmar — Mullen, Maxwell. Coach Zoran Matic.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh — Alevirzos, Kotzamichalis, Waddell (Hasler 75th), Marth — Ketsakidis, Carter, Faulkner, Latif — Lewis, Roberts. Coach John Gardiner.

WOLLONGONG 2 (Brodnik 17th, Skeen 89th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 3 (Smith 20th, 30th, Markovac 8th)

WOLLONGONG: Young — Kotamanides, Morlando, Vlietstra, Hollifield — Skeen, Higgs (Stefanovski 71st), Cokely (Trajceski 55th), Crainie — Easthorpe, Brodnik. Coach John Fleming.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Trajanedes — Roodhouse, Jackson, Piculovski, Jolevski — Runje (Slifkas 75th), Petrov, Zinni, Markovski — Smith (Taseski 70th), Markovac. Coach Andon Doncevski.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Ironside 83rd) SYDNEY CROATIA 0
At the Sydney Football Stadium, Sunday. Referee R. Davies.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier — Barrett, Haniotis, Hooker, Koch — Ironside, Phillips, Polak — Lee, Bernal (Saad 75th), Edwards (McGarry 75th). Coach Eddie Thomson.
SYDNEY CROATIA: Krajnovic — Savor, Hunter, Rozic, Clinch — Rumora, Foster, Jones — Slater, Arnold, Lamond. Coach Vedran Rozic.

● Steve Smith.

LADDER

MARCONI	14	9	3	2	33	11	21
PRESTON MAK.	14	7	5	2	19	12	19
ST GEORGE	13	7	4	2	16	10	18
MELB. CROATIA	14	6	3	5	24	20	15
SYDNEY CROATIA	11	5	4	2	9	7	14
Sydney Olympic	14	4	5	5	15	14	13
APIA Leichhardt	12	4	5	3	14	15	13
Adelaide City	15	4	5	6	14	16	13
Wollongong	14	5	2	7	15	19	12
Sth. Melbourne	13	4	3	5	17	13	11
George Cross	14	4	3	7	11	14	11
Melb. JUST	14	4	3	7	14	18	11
Blacktown City	11	3	3	5	12	24	9
Heidelberg Un	15	3	2	10	12	32	8

YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

Melbourne JUST 1 (Milojkovic) Altona Gate 2 (Markovski, Serenjak)

Clifton Hill 0 George Cross 5 (Morley 2, Campoli, Gorevski, Karakaledis)

YOUTH LEAGUE LADDER

George Cross	12	9	2	0	43	11	22
Altona Gate	10	7	1	2	21	8	15
Preston Makedonia	11	8	0	3	45	19	14
Sth Melb.	8	6	0	2	35	10	12
Heidelberg	12	5	1	6	24	26	11
Caulfield City	12	4	2	6	21	28	10
Clifton Hill	11	4	2	5	14	27	10
Melb. Croatia	10	4	1	5	18	22	9
Melb. JUST	11	3	2	6	16	17	8
Clayton	11	1	2	8	16	17	4
Malvern City	10	1	1	8	12	42	3

ROUND 17

FRIDAY
Preston v Clifton Hill
SUNDAY
Altona Gate v Melbourne Croatia
Caulfield City v Melbourne JUST
Heidelberg UTD Alz v Clayton
George Cross v South Melb.

GOALSCORERS

11.Nastevski(Marc,2p)

8.Kalic(MCr)

7.Ollerenshaw (St.G,4p)

5.de Jong(Mar)
Gray (Mar)
Latif (GX)
Markovski (PM)
Spink(PM)

4.Adzic (MC)
Awaritefe (MC)
Bingley (St.G)
Brown.R (Ap)
Easthorpe (Woll)
Ironside (SO)
Kosaina (Ap)
Lowe (Marc)
McCulloch (Mar)
Maxwell (Ad C)
Mullen (Ad C)

3.Arnold (S.Cr)
Brodnik (Woll)
Crino (MJ)
Dimoski (MC)
Lewis (GX)
Mori(SM)
Postecoglou(SM)
Retre (MJ)
Soper(SO)
Stubbins (Heid)
Trimboli (SM)

2.Arambasic (Bl)
Biskic(MC)
Caleta (MC)
Cokely (Woll)
Colagiuri (Mar)
Crainie (Woll)
Edwards (SO)
Hagan(Ap)
Hasler(GX)
Hunter (SC)
Ilic (St.G)
Koczka(St.G)
McGarry (SO)
McKinna (Bl)
Melta(AC)
Milosevic (MC)
Ousalkas (Heid)
Ricoy (Ap)
Skeen (Woll)
Slater(SC)
Smith (PM)
Talajic (MJ)
Taliadoros (SM)
Tsolakis (SM)
van Blerk(Bl)
Villani (AC)
Zinni(PM)

1.Bernal(SO)
Calderan(Mar)
Carter (Mar)
Dakos (SO)
Danzo (Woll)
Deankovic(MJ)
Denyer(Bl)
Faulkner(GX)
Flounders(AC)
Foster(SM)
Goutzioulis (Heid)
Ingham(SC)
Jackson (PM)
Jee(Bl)
Lamond (SC)
Lazopoulos(MJ)
Lee(SO)
Morlando (Woll)
Murphy (MJ)
Murray(Ap)
Naumov(Bl)
Odzakov(Bl)
Palatsides(MC)
Petersen(SM)
Radoslavjevic(Ap)
Raynes(Heid)
Roodhouse(PM)
Selemides(MCr)
Sterrey.G(Bl)
Stevenson (Heid)
Stewart(Heid)
Theodosopoulos(M)
Tredinnick(Heid)
Vial(AC)
Wade (SM)

NSL REPORTS

'BERGERS KEEP HOPES ALIVE

Bottom club Heidelberg kept alive its slim hopes of avoiding relegation from the league after grabbing a 1-1 draw off Apia Leichhardt at Olympic Village on Saturday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● BILL STUBBINS

Heidelberg introduced Jeff Olver and Paul McDowell into the side and had a surprise third signing in Atanasios Giannkopoulos, an Australian-born player who has been in the greek third division.

Giannakopoulos joined McDowall in the backing and did a good job with a tight marking role on Rod Brown.

Heidelberg, trying to recover from a 0-4 thrashing by Melbourne Croatia, put out a defensive line-up which included five players across the backline.

But defensive errors allowed APIA two chances before the visiting side received a penalty in the 25th minute when a shot by Brian Ellen came off Phil Stubbins' hands in the box.

John Kosmina converted the spot kick with a shot to Olver's right side.

Stubbins missed a good opening for Heidelberg before the goal but made up for his mistake by scoring the equaliser.

The scoring move started with a free kick from the right by John Kanesoulis, with Stubbins hitting a shot on the turn after McDowall had nodded the ball on.

Apia brought on Steve O'Connor and Milan Blagojevic as substitutes for Ellen and Alex Bundalo but the match fizzled out with both sides appearing content to settle for a draw.

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Croatians hail 'hero'

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● ZELJKO ADZIC

Melbourne Croatia fans hailed their hero with chants of "Zeljko, Zeljko" after their team had beaten St George 2-1 with two goals by brilliant midfielder Zeljko Adzic at the Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday.

Adzic came off to a standing ovation three minutes from the end, to be replaced by defender Stewart Cannell in a move designed as much to give Adzic a breather as to consolidate the 2-1 score line.

The result was costly for St George, which surrendered second place on the ladder to Preston.

Croatia took the lead in the fourth minute, with Adzic scoring with his first shot after accepting a short pass from Branko Milosevic.

Croatia played some of the best soccer in the National League so far this season, but St George's defence, led brilliantly by goalkeeper Mike Gibson and fullback David Green, held firm until half-time.

It was a mistake by Croatia goalkeeper Joe Rados that allowed St George to draw level in the 59th minute. Rados got his hands to a corner kick from Pottier but lost control and dropped it into the net.

With four minutes to go, Croatia regained the lead after Adzic kicked truly after shots by Theo Selemidis and Ivan Kelic had been blocked.

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Adcity maintains hoodoo over George Cross

ADELAIDE City maintained its hoodoo over Sunshine George Cross with a 2-0 win in their match at Olympic Sports Field in Adelaide on Sunday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● CHARLIE VILLANI

In front of a crowd of 3000, George Cross lacked the urgency and desire needed to take victory.

City's system up forward was to much for the George Cross defence to handle.

Charlie Villani was superb for City, scoring both his side's goals, one in each half, while Adrian Sandtrac's game in the midfield was impressive.

George Cross' effort in the second half was better as it cut down its opponent's scoring opportunities but still lacked the fire power in front of goal to be a real threat.

Ossie Latif's game in the midfield for George Cross was excellent while John Waddell did some handy things in defence.

It was City's fifth consecutive victory and suggested the side had regained some of its old magic.

Matic said he was pleased with his team's hunger for the ball.

"Once we got the first one (goal) we were hungry for the second," Matic said.

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JUST SURVIVES PRESSURE

Melbourne JUST survived sustained pressure before beating Blacktown City 2-0 to climb out of the relegation zone.

Blacktown remains second last but it has not played as many games as the other relegation candidates.

Melbourne JUST retained goalkeeper Mauro Raponi although coach John Margaritis had said during the week he would replace him with 21-year-old Paul Sanquedoice.

Raponi, blamed for two goals against Marconi, the previous weekend, again was shaky, particularly in the air.

But he did manage what may have been a match saving effort a minute before half time when he stopped a shot from Ralph Maier.

Joe Palatsides, back in the JUST team pending an appeal against suspension, worked tirelessly in attack and would have scored in the sixth minute had it not been for a fine save by Blacktown's Steve Watson.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● JOE PALATSIDES

It was Drago Deankovic who started the move that lead to JUST's opening goal in the 30th minute, with his through ball finding Mehmet Durakovic who shot over the head of Watson.

Blacktown took up the challenge with vigour and Zlatko Arambasic came close with a shot on the turn before Maier's attempt was saved by Raponi.

Blacktown's defence, relying on the offside trap, caught Palatsides and Barnes every time JUST tried to break away.

JUST brought on Carlos Retre in the 78th minute who only two minutes later, accepted a pass from Palatsides and shooting past Watson.

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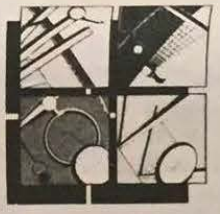

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Action Packed Picture Page

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● ABOVE: Joe Palatsides out jumps Blacktown's Darrel Northam.

● ABOVE: Ringwood's Doug Nolan challenges Juve's Charlie Egan.

● LEFT: 'Vale's Hugh Findlay beats Northcote's Martin Woodall.

● ABOVE: Blacktown's Lee Sterrey Tussles with Oscar Crino.

● LEFT: I've got that one covered says Northcote's Mark Turudia.

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TEA TIME FOR THE TIMORESE

APRIL 30 may go down in history as Timorese Victory Day following wins by both the northern and southern contingents in the qualifying round of the Mansfield Bunney league Cup.

Northern Timorese tricked, tormented and tantalised a bemused and bewildered Elwood United to run out convincing 6-1 winners. Endeavour United, meanwhile, did not have things so much its own way, but was impressive in downing the ever-improving Sunshine United four goals to three.

In a game described as entertaining, more for continuing excitement than for skill, Endeavour United controlled play for most of the first half. Tony Gomes opened the scoring for the home side at the 12th minute, and repeated the dose at the 24th.

Ten minutes later, Paolo Vietira made it 3-0 for Endeavour. Meanwhile, Sunshine United's work-rate had picked up and the visitors launched an all-out attack on their opponents' goal. They were rewarded at the 44th minute when Subash Gounder broke a defensive tackle and rammed in the Sunshiners' opening goal.

The second half opened with a sustained blitz by Sunshine United, which was rewarded at the 51stminute with a goal by Arvin Reddy. Gradually, however, the Timorese worked their way back into control and went to a 4-2 lead when Jose Napoleon made no mistake from the penalty spot.

Stung by this reverse, Sunshine United went back into top gear and pounded the Endeavour goal.

All of this effort went unrewarded until the 85th minute, when Subash Gounder, following a goal-mouth melee, pushed home his second goal to make the score 4-3. The last five minutes saw a continuation of all-out attack from Sunshine United which, unfortunately for this young side, produced no further score.

In summary the slight edge in skill and experience possessed by the Endeavour United players was sufficient to bring them the early break and to enable them to hang on to that advantage.

Out north, it was a far more clear-cut victory. Northern Timorese launched into attack from the word go and quickly ran to a 3-0 lead, which was maintained until half-time.

A further three goals in the second half brought the Northern Timorese tally to six.

For Northern Timorese, Fortunato Carvalho was at his brilliant best, while sparkling performances were put in also by Vergilio Carvalho, Vergilio Melo and Chris Pavli, who was in total control of his goal area.

Although outclassed on the day, at no stage did Elwood United give up trying and continued to take every opportunity of going into attack.

But it was not until the 89th minute that Elwood's efforts were rewarded, when Janusz Janikowski latched on to a Marian Wrzosek corner to salvage some pride from the encounter. Best for Elwood United were Marian Wrzosek, Romeo Falla dn Tony Maher, who despite being beaten six times, put in a very stron gperformance in goal.

Scorers for Northern Timorese were V. Carvalho (2), F. Carvalho, Tilman, Pinheiro and P. Melo.

Northern Timorese was at its brilliant best in this match. The team regards Cup matches as "special", and if it can maintain this attitude and form could well be out there on the first Sunday in October.

Two other matches — Salesian Old Boys v Cretan Athletic and Eltham & Diamond Valley v S.B. Spurs — also left no doubt as to which was the superior team.

Cretan Athletic played flat-out in the first half and by the break had built up an unassailable 5-0 lead.

Although easing up in the latter stages of the game, Cretan still ran out the winner 7-1.

A half-time change of goalkeeper by Salesian also helped to slow the rush of Cretan goals.

For Cretan Athletic,Kon Kavalakis was the ace marksman, netting five times in a virtuoso display. Singles by Trakakis and Vlahos made up the tally. For Salesian, Richie Robinson knocked in a consolation goal following a very nicely worked attacking build-up.

Eltham and Diamond Valley, meanwhile, poured on the pressure against SB Spurs. The Spurs, fielding a very young combination this year, simply lacked the skill and experience to match it with its opponents. For Eltham and Diamond Valley, scorers were G. Dodd (2), H. Smith, J. Pearson and M. Coyle.

It simply rained goals out at St Albans, where Kings Park Heights outlasted Keeley Kings to wi-4. Trailing 4-5, the Kings had an 85th minute chance to draw level but missed an open goal from point-blank range.

From the resultant goal kick, Kings Park Heights went straight down-field to knock in their sixth goal and put the issue beyond doubt.

The final match in this qualifying round was a patchy encounter between Harambee and St Albans Wanderers. It was, as we forecast, a dour affair with the respective defences having the better of it, aided by some inept finishing by both teams.

The Wanderers clearly had the better of the first half, especially after the 15th minute when an indiscreet tackle brought the red card, reducing Harambee to ten men but despite repeated attacks, the Wanderers were unable to convert and paid the penalty for lack of finishing skills when Kifle Degefu broke through a seemingly impenetrable wall of defenders, slammed the ball wide of a despairing keeper and put the home side into a 1-0 lead ten seconds before the break.

St Albans Wanderers came out with all guns blazing in the second half, and once again besieged the Harambee defence, but every attack was turned. Harambee launched counter-attack after counter-attack, but overdid the "cleverness" when close to goal.

Tragedy struck for the Wanderers in the 86th minute when Ken Cehner was set clear on the left flank, waltzed around the goalkeeper but, with an open goal less than ten yards in front of him, pulled his shot wide. Harambee made no such mistake in the counter-attack, when Ermias Wondimu similarly broke free and was clinically precise in his finishing.

A proper score in this match would probably have been 4-2. On balance, Harambee deserved its win as, throughout, its players were faster and better skilled than the visitors.

Only one league fixture was played on Sunday, with the previous week's postponed match between Laminex and Dallas United going right down to the wire before the visitors ran out 3-2 winners, but oly courtesy of two penalties.

Despite the loss, Laminex remains the leader in Division Three East on goal difference.

Six teams are now level on four points, making this the most evenly contested Division of them all. Some pressure-cooker games remain ahead.

Results: Endeavour United 4, Sunshine United 3; Northern Timorese 6, Elwood United 1; Harambee 2, St Albans Wanderers 0; Kings Park Heights 6, Keeley Kings 4; Salesian Old Boys 1, Cretan Athletic 7; Elwood & Diamond Valley 5, S.B. Spurs 0.

Division 3 East:
Laminex 2, Dallas United 3.

DIVISION 3E

Laminex	3	2	0	1	26	5 4
Ess.Trem	3	2	0	1	10	6 4
Bennetor	3	2	0	1	9	5 4
Dall/Un	3	2	0	1	9	6 4
Tax/Un	3	1	2	0	8	6 4
P/Trem	3	2	0	1	5	8 4
K/Kings	3	1	1	1	8	9 3
W/Pl/PA	3	1	0	2	6	15 2
G/City	3	0	1	2	3	10 1
Kew/D	3	0	0	3	6	21 0

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ROUND NINE DETAILS

ST ALBANS 2 (Eres 78th, 80th) FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Dick 81st)
At Churchill Reserve, Saturday. Referee D. Voutsinas.

ST ALBANS: Grgic — Babic (Culina 60th), Kuzman Colina, Simovic — Kupresak, Boxic, Morovic — Gagula, Pondeljak (Eres HT), Dragovic. Coach Branko Culina.
FRANKSTON PINES: Davies — Watson, McLeod, Drinoczky, Weir — Ferris (Bothwell 59th), Ross, Dick, Miller — McDonagh, Radecki (Lipscombe 80th). Coach Joe Sweeney.
Ansett best player award: Eres (St. A) 3, Kupresak (St.A) 2, McLeod (FP) 1.

MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Basara 65th, Wright 74th, McBride 81st) BULLEEN 0
At North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday. Referee J. Fraser. Cautions Atanasovski (B), Doyle (MF).

MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds — Byrne, Bruns, O'Donnell, Doyle — Warszawski, Cassar, McBride — Nelson (P. Gotis HT), Basara (Baldacino 85th), Wright. Coach Bob McLachlan.
BULLEEN: Racciotti — Marsan, Krajacic, Curulli, Avian — Milosevic, Atanasovski (Fella 75th), Ruccia, Livingstone — Lujic, Incantalupo. Coach Tony Virzina.
Ansett best

ALTONA GATE 0 CROYDON CITY 0
At Paisley Reserve, Saturday. Referee J. Hogg. Cautions Momiroski (A), Gabrielson (C).

ALTONA GATE: Lee — Ilioski, Markovski, Byrne, Momirovski — Todorovski, Kebakoski, Aslimovski, Ristovski (inj. Gagic 9th) — Georgievski, Micevski (Davis 57th). Coach Bill Murray.
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje — Gabrielson, Dobson, McIntosh, Roodhouse — Brown, van Egmond, G. Runje, Brimmer — Humble, Scott. Coach Ian Dobson.
Ansett best player award: Ilioski (A) 3, Brimmer (C) 2, Todorovski (A) 1.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Egan pen. 16th) RINGWOOD CITY 2 (Maguire pen. 37th, Cocker 87th)
At Olympic Park, Sunday. Referee E. Venios.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Laumets — Marley, Coady, Della Rocca, De Amicis (Minichiello 75th) — Belic, Lane, Patterson, Montemurro — Egan, Glockner (Giaccherini 60th). Coach Manfred Schaefer.
RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley — Haupt, Cumming, Verniers, Haupt — May, Muir, Maguire, Corvan — Cocker, Davie. Coach Hans Petersen.
Ansett best player award: Blackley (R) 3, May (R) 2, Lane (J) 1.

MARIBYRNONG 0 BOX HILL 1 (McLeod 48th)
At Raleigh Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Fearn

MARIBYRNONG: Kostrazewa — Lipiarski, Innes, Fleming, Blicharz — Czapnik, Nelson, Bonk — Baran, de Bono, Temos (Lakic 70th). Coach Lejik Djielakowski.
BOX HILL: McKinlay — B. Thomas, Cooper, Davidson, McLeod — Hanley, McArthur, McPhee — Alexander (Kennedy 70th), Egan, Ham (McAleer 70th). Coach John Brown.
Ansett best player award: Cooper (BH) 3, McArthur (BH) 2, McPhee (BH) 1.

GREEN GULLY 3 (Harrison 40th, Pender pen. 43rd, Daley 55th) THOMASTOWN 1 (Athersych 75th)
At Gully Reserve, Sunday. Referee N. Zachariades. Sent off Cristaldo (T).

GREEN GULLY: Sant — Hogben, Pender, Chetcuti, Grimaud — Smart, Wilson, McLelland, Metaxas — Daley, Harrison (McMillan 70th). Coach Willie Vassallo.
THOMASTOWN: Janaklevski — De Propertis, Hennessy, Higgins, Mihos (inj. Kapolitsis HT) Ragusa, Athersych, Dougherty, Cristaldo — Carfora, Sinclair, Frank McAleer.
Ansett best player award: Pender (GG) 3, Wilson (GG) 2, Carfora (T) 1.

SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (B. Keenen 35th) NORTHCOTE CITY 1 (Kouremenos 55th)
At Ross Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Rutter.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian — B. Keenan (Kral 60th), Bryden, Bissinger, Reilly — Findlay, S. Keenan, Fourna (Rolleman 80th), Livingstone — Verechia. Webster. Coach Gus Macleod.
Ansett best player award: Basara (MF) 3, O'Donnell (MF) 2, McBride (MF) 1.
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia — Bekiaris (Lazengas 34th), Kouremenos, Harris, Palmariccioti — Woodall, Patiniotis, N. Constantinou, Thodis — Ashburn, Tsangas. Coach Jim Pyrgolios.
Ansett best player award: Kouremenos (N) 3, Bryden (S) 2, Brian (S) 1.

STATE LEAGUE LADDER

JUVENTUS	9	6	2	1	20	6	14
CAULFIELD CITY	9	6	1	2	16	10	13
CROYDON CITY	9	4	4	1	13	4	12
MORWELL FALCONS	9	5	2	2	13	7	12
Altona Gate	9	5	2	2	13	9	12
St Albans	9	4	3	2	10	6	11
Northcote C	9	4	2	3	15	13	10
Bulleen	9	4	1	4	13	15	9
Box Hill	9	2	4	3	8	10	8
Thomastown	9	3	2	4	8	11	8
Green Gully	9	3	1	5	11	13	7
Ringw. City	9	2	3	4	8	13	7
Frankston P	9	2	3	4	9	16	7
Fawkner	9	2	2	5	7	13	6
Springvale C	9	0	4	5	3	8	4
Maribyrnong	9	1	2	6	5	18	4

RESERVES RESULTS

Altona Gate 2 Croydon City 2
Morwell Falcons 2 Bulleen 1
St Albans 4 Frankston Pines 0
Brunswick Juventus 5 Ringwood City 5
Maribyrnong 2 Box Hill 2
Green Gully 3 Thomastown 0
Springvale City 0 Northcote City 4
Fawkner 1 Caulfield City 2

RESERVES LADDER

Altona Gate	9	7	2	0	23	8	16
St Albans	9	7	1	1	22	6	15
Caulfield C	9	6	1	2	18	14	13
Green Gully	9	5	2	2	27	14	12
Juventus	9	4	4	1	24	11	12
Frankston P	9	5	0	4	16	19	10
Bulleen	9	3	2	4	11	11	8
Ringw. City	9	3	2	4	16	21	8
Croydon City	9	2	3	4	16	19	7
Morwell Falc.	9	3	1	5	15	18	7
Fawkner	9	3	1	5	10	13	7
Thomastown	8	2	3	3	8	13	7
Box Hill	9	2	3	4	12	21	7
Northc. City	8	3	0	5	14	18	6
Maribyrnong	9	1	2	6	10	19	4
Springvale C	9	1	1	7	4	21	3

FAWKNER 0 CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Pappas 27th)
At Smith Reserve, Sunday. Referee R. Simonis.

FAWKNER: Terzini — Cosentino, Schipano, Patricca, Somalides — Sabatino, Ferrer, Marasco (Marchette 79th) — Tuffield, Stenson (Emmanuelle 70th), Campbell. Coach John Colangele.
CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer — Bitsonis, Dimovski, Fattore, Kountouris — Theoharous, Filipou, Drakeford, Zolotarev (Aretis 65th) — Pappas, Deligiannis. Coach Jim Condilis.
Ansett best player award: Fattore (C) 3, Sabatino (F) 2, Filipou (C) 1.

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Leading goalscorers

● Darko Basara . . . scored another for Morwell Falcons at the weekend.

7. Egan (Juve)
6. Woodall (North)
5. Basara (MF)
Incantalupo (Bull)
McMullen (Alt)
Pappas (Caul)
4. Gagula (St.A)
Humble (Croy)
3. Athersych (Thom)
Bonk (Mar,1 pen)
Deligiannis (Caul)
Drakeford (Caul)
Emmanuele (Fawk)
Hanna (Fawk)
Morovic (St.A)
Scott (Croy)
Sokoluk(MF)
Tsangas (North)
2. Bozikas (Bull)
Brimmer(Croy)
Byrne (MF)
Campbell (BH)
Carfora (Thom)
Cocker (Ring)
Davie (Ring)
De Amicis (Juve)
Dick (FP)
Emmanuele (Fawk)
Eres (St.A)
Filipou (Caul)
Farquharson (G.G)
Glockner (Juve)
Herd (Juve)
Kouremenos (North)
Lujic (Bull)
McArthur (BH)
McBride (MF)
McMillan (GG)
Markovski (Alt)
Nelson (Mar)
Patiniotis (North)
Patterson (Juve)
Pender (GG)
Stirton (FP)
Trogrlic (Bull)
1. Aretis (Caul)
Aslimovski (Alt)
Belic (Juve)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Bothwell (FP)
Cumming (Ring)
Curulli (Bull)
Cristaldo (Thom)
Daley (GG)
Davis (Alt)
Della Rocca (Juve)
Dougherty (Thom)
Findlay (Spr)
Grimaud (FP)
Ham (BH)
Harris (North)
Harrison (GG)
Higgins (Thom)
Ilioski (Alt)
Kebarkovski (Alt)
Keenan.B (Svale)
Kennedy (Ring)
Klepac (Juve)
Lane (Juve)
McAleer (B.H)
McDonagh (FP)
McIntosh (Croy)
McLelland (GG)
McLeod (BH)
Micevski (Alt)
Minichiello (Juve)
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Humble (Croy)	Lane (Juve)
	Patterson (Juve)
10. van Egmond (Croy)	Sabatino (Fawk)
	Wilson (GG)
9. Byrne (Alt)	3. Basara (MF)
Corvan (Ring)	Bissinger (S'vale)
McMullan (Alt)	Campbell (BH)
	Carfora (Thom)
8. Athersych (Thom	Cutler (G.G)
Brian (S'vale)	Dougherty (Thom)
Harris (North)	Innes (Mar)
Lujic (Bull)	Mihos (Thom)
	Nelson (Mar)
7. Byrne (MF)	O'Dell (Fawk)
Ilioski (Alt)	Palmaricciotti (North)
Ristovski (Alt)	Patiniotis (North)
Woodall (North)	Patricca (Fawk)
	Pondeljak (St.A)
6. Belic (Juve)	Ragusa (Thom)
Czapnik (Mar)	Reynolds (M.F)
Dick (FP)	Ross (FP)
Fattore (Caul)	Watson (Pines)
Herd (Juve)	
McIntosh (Croy)	2. Adams (S'vale)
McKinlay (BH)	Alexander (BH)
Miller (FP)	Aslimovski (Alt)
Minichiello (Juve)	Bell (S'vale)
Simovic (St.A)	Bryden (S'vale)
Trogrlic (Bull)	Carroll (North)
	Cocker (Ring)
5. Blackley (Ring)	Colina (St.A)
Bozic (StA)	Davie (Ring)
Brown (Croy)	Davies (FP)
Cassar (MF)	De Amicis (Juve)
Egan (Juve)	Della Rocca (Juve)
Kupresak (St.A)	Dragovic (St.A)
Koureemos (North)	Egan (BH)
May (Ring)	Filipou (Caul)
Nelson (MF)	Gagula (St.A)
Bokoluk (MF)	Grimaud (GG)
Stenson (Fawk)	Krajacic (Bull)
	McArthur (BH)
4. Bitsonis (Caul)	McBride (MF)
Bonk (Mar)	McGuire (Ring)
Brimser (Croy)	McLelland (GG)

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BRUNSWICK Juventus is human, after all. Ringwood United dispelled any fanciful notions that the Black and Whites might go through the season undefeated as it bounced back from that 3-0 defeat at Croydon, to down Juve in a dour struggle late on Saturday.

The late kick-off at Olympic Park was the reason by 3EA broadcast the wrong score giving the game to Juve, giving rise to heartburn throughout the entire Eastern suburbs, and causing this newspaper's telephone to run hot throughout Saturday night.

The defeat will probably be the best tonic that Juventus coul dhave, and it will dispel any complacency tha t might have been creeping in.

It is noticeable that the leaders have developed a habit of slackening off in the second half, especially when they have hit the lead.

No doubt Manfred Schaefer will have rammed the message home this week and Fawkner will probably get the backlash on Sunday.

But let's not take anything away from Ringwood, which came from behind and never looked like wilting, spurred on by a magnificent display in goal by Colin Blackley who deservedly was the man of the match.

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WATCH OUT FOR SPRINGVALE

Another praiseworthy performance was that of Springvale City, which is not far off winning its first game.

The Northcote City players concede after their hard-won point at Ross Reserve last Sunday that the 'Vale is in a false position at the foot of the table and Northcote was lucky to go in for the break only one goal down.

Springvale's first win could come next week but one, meanwhile team spirit remains high, the players have faith in each other and the Springvale committee is to be congratulated in sticking with the coach and not getting rattled.

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PANIC STATIONS AT ' MARIBYRNONG

One club that has got rattled is Maribyrnong etc, etc.

The amalgamation with Ardeer at the end of last year was a good idea, but the club made a bad mistake staying in the State League . . . it would have been better off taking Ardeer's place in the Provisional League.

I'd love to be a fly on the wall at whatever passes for training at Raleigh Reserve.

I understand the club president's address takes longer than the training, and how did that club official finish up on crutches for last Sunday's game?

The club seems hell-bent on committing harikari, and I believe at one stage of last week's row it was suggested that Kevin Innes, Rob Nelson and Brendon Lakic all be dumped.

Eventually, I am told, wiser heads prevailed and now only Lakic is up for transfer.

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THOMASTOWN IS SEETHING

One club that finished the weekend very unhappy is Thomastown.

Coach Frank McAleer says "you can quote me as saying that the refereeing of our game last week (against Green Gully) was the worst I have ever seen in this country."

The incident that aroused McAleer's ire was the twice taken penalty that Adrian Pender converted.

Young Zoran Janakievski saved Pender's first attempt, but a linesman who was at the side of the goal said the goalkeeper had moved, although the referee who was in front of the goal seemed satisfied.

He ordered the kick to be retaken, Pender of course scored at the second attempt and the referee was surrounded by protesting Thomastown players.

Eventually he sent of Victor Cristaldo for dissent, although both coaches maintain that Cristaldo was not the culprit.

I understand that Thomastown will protest officially about the control of the game.

● Brendan Lakic up for transfer from Maribyrnong.

By BRIAN JAMES

DREAM START FOR ERES

One coach who isn't unhappy this week is St Albans' Branko Culina and the reason is not so much that his team won, but that his new recruit, Jure Eres from the Croatian League had a dream debut, coming on at half-time and scoring two goals.

Culina feels that Eres will be a valuable asset once he gets the pace of our game and he should provide the support that Big Dennis Morovic has been lacking.

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FAWKNER'S PLIGHT WORSENING

One club that escaped relegation in that nail-biting finish to last season, Fawkner, which survived on goal difference, looks to be heading for the cellar again.

This season's coach John Colangele must think he is living a nightmare when it comes to picking a team.

For four weeks in succession he had a player sent off (is this a record?), and now Dave Hanna has gone back to Ireland for four weeks.

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GAVILAN TO PLAY THIS WEEK?

Frankston Pines' glamour recruit, Juan Gavilan should be able to play this week, provided he comes through a fitness test.

The Spaniard arrived back last week, but his ankle was blistered in Spain whilst he was undergoing treatment.

However it has done well and Danny McMinimee thinks he will be fit.

That's the good news.

The bad news is that Ian Stirton is still doubtful.

He was sent off against Thomastown, but has to appear before the Tribunal.

If he doesn't appear this week having already missed one game, Pines might apply for a permit to play him until his case comes up.

It's an unsatisfactory state of affairs which could easily be improved by allowing a player to continue playing until his case comes up, and is the case in other countries.

This weekend's games, probable winners in capitals:

SATURDAY: Bullen v **RINGWOOD CITY** at Veneto Club. **CAULFIELD CITY** v Springvale City at Princes Park. Northcote City v St Albans (draw) at John Cain Reserve. **BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS** v Altona Gate at Olympic Park.

SUNDAY: **THOMASTOWN** v Maribyrnong at Partridge Reserve, Box Hill v **MORWELL FALCONS** at Wembley Park. Frankston Pines v Green Gully (draw) at Monterey Reserve. **CROYDON CITY** v Fawkner at Town Park.

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VICTORIAN LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

W'wad	2	V	Albion 2
Dove'n	2	V	B'hae 0
M'bark	1	V	Oak'l'h 0
Mord	0	V	Knox 2
B'mead	0	V	D'nong 0
W'bee	2	V	E'don 2
W.Subs	1	V	W'gte 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E'don	5	3	2	0	7	3	8
B'mead	5	3	1	1	5	2	7
M'bark	5	2	3	0	4	2	7
Knox	5	3	0	2	9	6	6
Albion	5	2	2	1	6	3	6
W'bee	5	2	2	1	7	6	6
Dove'n	5	3	0	2	5	4	6
W'wad	5	2	1	2	8	7	5
B'hae	5	2	1	2	6	6	5
Oak'l'h	5	2	0	3	4	5	4
W'gte	5	1	2	2	4	6	4
Mord	5	1	1	3	5	8	3
W.Subs	5	0	2	3	3	8	2
D'nong	5	0	1	4	2	9	1

RESERVES

W'wad	0	V	Albion 1
Dove'n	3	V	B'hae 1
M'bark	1	V	Oak'l'h 1
Mord	2	V	Knox 2
B'mead	1	V	D'nong 2
W'bee	0	V	E'don 1
W.Subs	1	V	W'gte 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox	5	4	1	0	14	7	9
M'bark	5	3	1	1	16	5	7
Dove'n	5	3	1	1	6	3	7
Albion	5	3	1	1	6	6	7
B'hae	5	3	0	2	14	10	6
D'nong	5	2	1	2	8	5	5
B'mead	5	2	1	2	10	9	5
W'wad	5	2	0	3	10	10	4
Oak'l'h	5	0	4	1	9	10	4
E'don	5	2	0	3	7	8	4
W.Subs	5	2	0	3	5	9	4
Mord	5	1	2	2	8	13	4
W'bee	5	1	0	4	5	13	2
W'gte	5	1	0	4	5	15	2

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

Pt Mel	2	V	C'ton H 1
N.Geel	3	V	R'wood 5
R'mond	1	V	Y'ville 0
Don Rv	0	V	B'ton 3
Coburg	4	V	Geel 1
S'bury	1	V	Keilor 2
H'berg	2	V	Nav.C 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Pt Mel	5	4	0	1	12	6	8
N.Geel	5	3	1	1	15	9	7
R'wood	5	3	1	1	13	11	7
Keilor	5	3	1	1	6	7	7
Geel	5	3	0	2	9	6	6
R'mond	5	3	0	2	11	9	6
Nav.C	5	2	2	1	8	8	6
Coburg	5	2	1	2	7	6	5
C'ton H	5	2	0	3	9	9	4
Don Rv	5	1	2	2	4	5	4
B'ton	5	1	1	3	6	8	3
S'bury	5	1	1	3	7	11	3
Y'ville	5	0	2	3	2	7	2
H'berg	5	1	0	4	6	13	2

RESERVES

Pt Mel	6	V	C'ton H 1
N.Geel	0	V	R'wood 2
R'mond	3	V	Y'ville 2
Don Rv	1	V	B'ton 2
Coburg	3	V	Geel 2
S'bury	1	V	Keilor 2
H'berg	3	V	Nav.C 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B'ton	5	4	1	0	9	4	9
R'wood	5	4	0	1	13	8	8
Keilor	5	4	0	1	12	7	8
H'berg	5	3	1	1	10	6	7
R'mond	5	3	1	1	12	10	7
C'ton H	5	3	1	1	10	10	7
Pt Mel	5	3	0	2	15	7	6
N.Geel	5	3	0	2	12	7	6
Y'ville	5	2	0	3	8	13	4
Don Rv	5	1	0	4	8	8	2
S'bury	5	1	0	4	11	15	2
Geel	5	1	0	4	8	13	2
Coburg	5	1	0	4	7	17	2
Nav.C	5	0	0	5	3	13	0

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

M'bin	2	V	Y'ourn 2
S'ford	2	V	Elt/D.V 2
C/Geel	0	V	M'ton 1
C'inda	0	V	Ball Pk 2
H'thon	1	V	C'sea 3
Lalor	0	V	Holl Pk 3
Altona	2	V	S'vale 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ball Pk	5	5	0	0	15	1	10
Holl Pk	5	4	0	1	10	4	8
C'sea	5	3	1	1	15	5	7
Lalor	5	3	1	1	7	6	7
C/geel	5	2	2	1	3	1	6
S'ford	5	1	3	1	12	7	5
M'ton	5	1	3	1	3	3	5
Elt/d.V	5	1	2	2	7	10	4
Altona	5	2	0	3	8	13	4
H'thon	5	1	1	3	7	9	3
S'vale	5	0	3	2	4	8	3
M'bin	5	0	3	2	5	12	3
C'inda	5	1	1	3	4	14	3
Y'ourn	5	0	2	3	3	10	2

RESEVES

M'bin	13	V	Y'ourn 0
S'ford	1	V	Elt/D.V 3
C/Geel	5	V	M'ton 0
C'inda	4	V	Ball Pk 1
H'thorn	4	V	C'sea 1
Lalor	1	V	Holl Pk 2
Altona	2	V	S'vale 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
M'bin	5	4	0	1	20	4	8
Elt/d.V	5	4	0	1	15	9	8
S'vale	5	4	0	1	13	7	8
Holl Pk	5	3	1	1	10	7	7
Altona	5	3	1	1	5	4	7
S'ford	5	3	0	2	13	6	6
C'inda	5	3	0	2	15	11	6
H'thorn	5	2	2	1	8	7	6
C'sea	5	2	0	3	9	14	4
Lalor	5	1	1	3	6	8	3
Ball Pk	5	1	1	3	6	9	3
C/geel	5	1	0	4	7	11	2
M'ton	5	0	1	4	1	12	1
Y'ourn	5	0	1	4	1	20	1

LEAGUE 4

FIRSTS

L'warr	2	V	Brun/Iv 1
FTGully	1	V	W'town 3
Cl'ton	3	V	K'ingal 0
P'vale	1	V	Bent 3
R'anna	3	V	Boronia 1
Haalyn	2	V	Keysbro 0
More.Pk	2	V	Regent 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Haalyn	5	4	0	1	17	8	8
Cl'ton	5	4	0	1	16	8	8
R'anna	5	3	2	0	11	6	8
Bent	5	3	2	0	8	3	8
Brun/Iv	5	2	2	1	9	4	6
K'ingal	5	2	1	2	9	9	5
More.Pk	5	2	1	2	11	15	5
Regent	5	1	2	2	6	5	4
L'Warr	5	1	2	2	5	7	4
W'town	5	1	2	2	5	8	4
Keysbro	5	0	3	2	4	7	3
P'Vale	5	0	3	2	2	8	3
Boronia	5	1	1	3	1	9	3
FTGully	5	0	1	4	2	10	1

RESERVES

L'warr	1	V	Brun/Iv 3
FTGully	0	V	W'town 1
Cl'ton	2	V	K'ingal 1
P'vale	1	V	Bent 5
R'anna	1	V	Boronia 0
Haalyn	0	V	Keysbro 1
More.Pk	2	V	Regent 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Regent	5	2	3	0	8	6	7
K'ingal	5	3	1	1	6	4	7
Bent	5	2	2	1	10	6	6
Haalyn	5	3	0	2	8	6	6
R'anna	5	3	0	2	9	8	6
W'town	5	3	0	2	7	7	6
Brun/Iv	5	1	3	1	8	7	5
More.Pk	5	2	1	2	8	7	5
Cl'ton	5	2	1	2	5	5	5
Keysbro	5	1	2	2	7	8	4
P'Vale	5	2	0	3	9	11	4
L'Warr	5	1	2	2	5	7	4
Boronia	5	1	1	3	5	9	3
FTGully	5	0	2	4	5	9	2

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

W Mead	2	V	Oak.Sub 1
Prahran	2	V	B'wick 2
Berwick	1	V	W Vale 3
S Yarra	0	V	S'vale 3
Melton	2	V	Malvern 3
Mossf'	0	V	N.Sun 3
Mav'ly	3	V	E Geel 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'vale	5	5	0	0	16	5	10
Prahran	5	4	1	0	16	9	9
N.Sun	5	4	0	1	16	9	8
B'wick	5	2	3	0	9	7	7
Berwick	5	3	0	2	10	8	6
Melton	5	2	1	2	11	10	5
W Mead	5	2	1	2	11	10	5
W Vale	5	2	1	2	8	7	5
Oak.Sub	5	2	0	3	11	12	4
Malvern	5	2	0	3	8	13	4
S Yarra	5	1	1	3	7	10	3
Mav'ly	5	1	0	4	8	13	2
Mossf'	5	1	0	4	4	10	2
E Geel	5	0	0	5	5	17	0

RESERVES

W Mead	2	V	Oak.Sub 1
Prahran	6	V	B'wick 1
Berwick	0	V	W Vale 0
S Yarra	1	V	S'vale 1
Melton	1	V	Malvern 1
Mossf'	1	V	N.Sun 6
Mav'ly	1	V	E Geel 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N.Sun	5	4	1	0	19	4	9
Prahran	5	4	1	0	17	4	9
W Mead	5	4	1	0	9	5	9
Melton	5	2	2	1	12	8	6
Malvern	5	2	2	1	11	10	6
W Vale	5	1	3	1	9	8	5
S'vale	5	2	1	2	7	7	5
Mossf'	5	2	0	3	13	13	4
S Yarra	5	0	4	1	10	13	4
B'wick	5	1	2	2	8	13	4
Berwick	5	1	2	2	4	11	4
Mav'ly	5	1	1	3	5	12	3
Oak.Sub	5	0	1	4	4	12	1
E Geel	5	0	1	4	3	11	1

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

Altona Eas	3	V	S Dandy 1
F'kston	2	V	Br'tons 2
Uni Melb	4	V	Port Un 2
Ball't	2	V	Monash 1
Ascot	3	V	Cranb'n 2
Lalor	0	V	Glenroy 2
S S'vale	3	V	F.Hill 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S S'val	5	3	2	0	14	3	8
Cranb'n	5	3	1	1	9	5	7
Altona	4	3	1	0	8	4	7
Ascot	5	2	3	0	7	5	7
F.Hill	5	2	2	1	9	6	6
Uni Mel	5	1	4	0	8	6	6
Br'tons	5	1	3	1	9	7	5
S Dandy	5	2	1	2	10	10	5
Ball't	5	2	1	2	6	8	5
Glenroy	5	1	2	2	7	8	4
Port Un	5	1	1	3	6	9	3
F'kston	5	0	3	2	4	11	3
Lalor	5	0	2	3	4	11	2
Monash	4	0	0	4	2	10	0

RESERVES

Altona Eas	2	V	S Dandy 1
F'kston	3	V	Br'tons 0
Uni Melb	7	V	Port Un 0
Ball't	1	V	Monash 2
Ascot	0	V	Cranb'n 1
Lalor	0	V	Glenroy 1
S S'vale	1	V	F.Hill 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona	5	3	2	0	14	8	8
Lalor	5	3	1	1	21	5	7
Ball't	5	3	1	1	15	4	7
Uni Mel	5	3	1	1	13	8	7
F'kston	5	3	0	2	12	7	6
Ascot	5	3	0	2	10	6	6
S Dandy	5	2	1	2	11	7	5
Monash	4	2	1	1	9	7	5
Cranb'n	4	1	3	0	3	2	5
S S'val	5	2	1	2	5	12	5
Glenroy	5	2	0	3	9	15	4
F.Hill	5	1	0	4	5	15	2
Br'tons	5	0	1	4	2	14	1
Port Un	5	0	0	5	4	23	0

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

Mod.Pk.	0	V	Kew 0
Mitchan	3	V	Lyndale 2
W'tirna	3	V	Altona 0
Bataan	0	V	Monbulk 0
Brandon	1	V	Ringe'd 1
Mth Clayto	2	V	Carrum 3
Fitzroy	4	V	R'dale 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Kew	5	4	1	0	10	5	9
Lyndale	5	4	0	1	17	7	8
Fitzroy	5	3	2	0	14	8	8
W'tirna	5	3	1	1	17	6	7
Monbulk	5	2	2	1	6	2	6
Mitchan	5	3	0	2	12	12	6
Brandon	5	1	3	1	6	7	5
Bataan	5	0	4	1	4	5	4
Carrum	5	1	2	2	8	10	4
Altona	5	1	2	2	4	8	4
Mod.Pk.	5	1	2	2	4	8	4
Ringe'd	5	0	3	2	5	8	3
Mth Cla	5	0	1	4	8	16	1
R'dale	5	0	1	4	6	19	1

RESERVES

Mod.Pk.	3	V	Kew 1
Mitchan	4	V	Lyndale 1
W'tirna	4	V	Altona 1
Bataan	3	V	Monbulk 2
Brandon	2	V	Ringe'd 0
N.Clayton	0	V	Carrum 4
Fitzroy	1	V	R'dale 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brandon	5	5	0	0	19	4	10
W'tirna	5	5	0	0	14	4	10
Bataan	5	4	0	1	15	10	8
Kew	5	3	1	1	11	8	7
Lyndale	5	3	0	2	12	10	6
R'dale	5	2	1	2	9	8	5
Mitchan	5	2	1	2	9	8	5
Mod.Pk.	5	2	0	3	13	14	4
Monbulk	5	2	0	3	5	7	4
Carrum	5	2	0	3	13	16	4
Altona	5	1	1	3	10	16	3
N.Clayt	5	1	0	4	8	11	2
Ringe'd	5	1	0	4	7	12	2
Fitzroy	5	0	0	5	3	26	0

AMATEUR LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

Oak U	2	V	L'robe 2
Keilor	0	V	E Rich 2
Bye		V	Balwyn
Coll'wd	2	V	North U 1
H'thorn	2	V	Nav.Wand 0
Phillip	3	V	Diggers 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E Rich	5	4	1	0	14	6	9
H'thorn	4	4	0	0	16	2	8
Balwyn	4	2	2	0	16	6	6
North U	4	2	1	1	6	4	5
Phillip	4	2	1	1	6	9	5
Coll'wd	5	2	1	2	8	12	5
Nav.Wan	4	2	0	2	10	9	4
Oak U	5	1	2	2	8	12	4
L'robe	5	0	2	3	8	12	2
Diggers	5	1	0	4	7	11	2
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keilor	5	0	0	5	3	19	0

RESERVES

Oak U	4	V	L'robe U 2
Keilor	2	V	E Rich 7
Bye		V	Balwyn
Coll'wd	4	V	North U 1
H'thon	3	V	Nav.Wand 6
Phillip	1	V	Diggers 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Balwyn	4	4	0	0	17	3	8
E Rich	5	4	0	1	26	15	8
Nav.Wan	4	4	0	0	13	4	8
Coll'wd	5	3	0	2	21	10	6
Phillip	4	2	2	0	9	4	6
North U	4	1	2	1	7	9	4
Oak U	5	1	1	3	11	19	3
L'robe	5	1	0	4	8	16	2
H'thon	4	0	2	2	6	14	2
Diggers	5	0	2	3	11	20	2
Keilor	5	0	1	4	5	20	1
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

C'corde	3	V	Yarra U 6
Maccabi	2	V	O Scots 2
Furlan	0	V	Mel.Uni 3
R.M.I.T.	3	V	E.Hills 3
C'well G	4	V	Upfield 3
D.Valley	3	V	I'city 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C'well	5	5	0	0	23	6	10
Upfield	5	4	0	1	22	7	8
O Scots	5	3	1	1	7	10	7
Yarra U	5	3	0	2	18	10	6
Mel.Uni	5	3	0	2	10	4	6
Maccabi	5	2	2	1	9	5	6
E.Hills	5	2	1	2	15	14	5
D.Valle	5	1	2	2	7	8	4
R.M.I.T	5	1	1	3	9	18	3
I'city	5	1	0	4	5	13	2
C'corde	5	1	0	4	11	27	2
Furlan	5	0	1	4	3	17	1

RESERVES

C'corde	2	V	Yarra U 5
Maccabi	1	V	O Scots 5
Furlan	2	V	Mel.Uni 0
R.M.I.T.	2	V	E.Hills 4
C'well G	2	V	Upfield 0
D.Valley	0	V	I'city 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E.Hills	5	4	1	0	16	8	9
C'well	5	4	1	0	14	6	9
O Scots	5	3	2	0	15	4	8
Yarra U	4	2	2	0	12	6	6
Upfield	5	3	0	2	10	8	6
Mel.Uni	5	2	1	2	13	7	5
I'city	4	2	1	1	7	2	5
Furlan	5	2	1	2	11	10	5
D.Valle	5	1	1	3	8	12	3
Maccabi	5	1	0	4	9	15	2
R.M.I.T	5	0	0	5	6	21	0
C'corde	5	0	0	5	3	25	0

UNDER 11

CENTRAL

ELWOOD	1	V	CLAYTON 5
B,MARIS	9	V	MEL CTY 0
O,LEIGH SU	0	V	MORDI 16
MORDI B		V	BYE
CONDORS	10	V	E,BENT 1
C,FIELD	0	V	E,RICH 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B,aris	2	2	0	0	11	0	4
E,rich	2	1	1	0	14	1	3
Condors	2	1	1	0	12	3	3
Clayton	2	1	1	0	7	3	3
C,field	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Mordi	2	1	0	1	16	2	2
Mel Cty	2	1	0	1	12	11	2
E,bent	2	0	0	2	2	14	0
Mordi B	1	0	0	1	1	14	0
Elwood	2	0	0	2	3	17	0
O,leigh	1	0	0	1	0	16	0

EASTERN A

Knox.A	4	V	Mitchan 1
Balleen	0	V	Cr'don.C 2
W'ley.U	1	V	S'valeA 2
B.Hill	1	V	Cla'nda 2
Nuna.C	4	V	W'ley.Cty 4
F. Hill	7	V	Donc.R 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F. Hill	2	2	0	0	10	2	4
S'valea	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Cr'don.	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Mitchan	2	1	0	1	11	4	2
Donc.R	2	1	0	1	11	7	2
W'ley.U	2	1	0	1	5	2	2
Knox.A	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
Cla'nda	2	1	0	1	2	5	2
W'ley.C	2	0	1	1	5	7	1
Nuna.C	2	0	1	1	4	14	1
Balleen	2	0	0	2	0	8	0
B.Hill	2	0	0	2	1	13	0

EASTERN B

KNOX CTY B	9	V	KNOX CTY C 0
BORONIA	0	V	B,DON PK 0
H,TON PK	6	V	B,BROOK 1
B,VALE CTY	2	V	EL,THAM 1
G/W.LEY	5	V	DAN,LEIGH 0
BRI,TON	0	V	M,BANK 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
G/w.Ley	2	2	0	0	14	0	4
M,bark	2	2	0	0	14	0	4
Boronia	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Knox Ct	1	1	0	0	9	0	2
H,ton P	2	1	0	1	8	4	2
Oakleig	2	1	0	1	6	5	2
Eltham	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
G,vale	2	1	0	1	2	10	2
B,don P	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
S,brook	2	0	0	2	3	9	0
Bri,ton	2	0	0	2	0	11	0
Knox Ct	2	0	0	2	0	18	0

NORTHERN

LALOR	1	V	N,COTE CTY 0
T,TOWN	4	V	MEL,CROATI 1
B.U.JUVE	4	V	N,BERS UTD 0
LALOR UTD	1	V	PRESTON A 0
N,COLL UTD	5	V	MALVERN 2
FAWKNER		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
T,town	2	2	0	0	10	1	4
B.U.Juv	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Fawkner	1	1	0	0	7	0	2
N,cote	2	1	0	1	5	1	2
Mel,cro	2	1	0	1	9	6	2
Lalor U	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
N,coll	2	1	0	1	5	7	2
Lalor	2	1	0	1	3	8	2
Preston	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Malvern	2	0	0	2	2	12	0
H,berg	2	0	0	2	0	10	0

NTH/WEST A

E/BUNS/IND	5	V	H,BERG B 0
BYE		V	MEB,GATE
BYE		V	MED,PARK
SYD,PARK	0	V	ESS,DON 3
NTH,RES	2	V	WEST SUBS 0
SUNBURY	0	V	REGENT 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth,res	2	2	0	0	16	0	4
Regent	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Mes,gat	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Ess,don	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
E/buns/	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
Meat Su	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Med,par	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sunbury	2	0	0	2	0	6	0
Syd,par	2	0	0	2	1	8	0
H,berg	2	0	0	2	0	19	0

NTH/WEST B

R,ANNA	3	V	N,COTE CTY 2
Y,VILLE B	0	V	KEON PARK 4
PRESTON B	0	V	SUN,PARK 9
LALOR UTD	1	V	WESTVALE 4
MACCABI	1	V	M,MEDS 2
G,GULLY	4	V	ALTONA EAS 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sun,par	2	2	0	0	21	0

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
P,ula	2	2	0	0	13	3	4
C,bourn	2	2	0	0	8	0	4
F,pines	2	2	0	0	9	4	4
S,dandy	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Dingley	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
F,ston	2	1	0	1	10	5	2
Ba,vale	2	1	0	1	6	6	2
S,vale	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
Ba,vale	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Lyndale	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
L,warn	2	0	0	2	0	10	0
Doveton	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

WESTERN A

ST,N,BANS	V	BYE	
Y,VILLE	4	V	MELTON C
KEILOR	5	V	GEORGE X 1
SUN HTS	3	V	N,GEEL 2
BYE		V	BYE
A,GATE	2	V	E,GEEL 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Y,ville	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Sun Hts	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
N,geel	2	1	0	1	14	4	2
St,alba	1	1	0	0	9	1	2
E,geel	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Keilor	2	1	0	1	6	13	2
A,gate	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
George	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Melton	2	0	0	2	1	13	0

EASTERN A

F,STON UTD	0	V	MITCHAM A 1
M,BARK	0	V	DOVETON 6
WAV,UTD	1	V	S,VALE CTY 2
SEAFORD A	4	V	CLARINDA 2
BERWICK A	9	V	MONBULK 1
F,HILL	1	V	D,ROVERS 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Seaford	2	2	0	0	11	2	4
G,vale	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Berwick	2	1	1	0	9	1	3
F,hill	2	1	1	0	8	1	3
Doveton	2	1	1	0	7	1	3
Mitchaa	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Clarind	2	1	0	1	4	5	2
F,ston	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
D,rover	2	0	1	1	1	8	1
Wav,utd	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
M,bark	2	0	0	2	0	11	0
Monbulk	2	0	0	2	1	16	0

NORTHERN A

BULLEEN	V	BYE	
T,TOMN	1	V	PRESTON 3
LALOR	3	V	H,BERG UTD 0
FAWKNER	1	V	B.U.JUVE 5
N,RES	8	V	MALVERN 2
M,MED	1	V	REGENT 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Regent	2	2	0	0	9	1	4
Lalor	2	2	0	0	4	0	4
N,res	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
B.U.Juv	2	1	0	1	5	2	2
M,med	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
Preston	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Bulleen	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
H,berg	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
T,town	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Fawkner	2	0	0	2	1	10	0
Malvern	2	0	0	2	2	12	0

NORTHERN B

PT,MELB	1	V	N,COTE CTY 2
H,THORN	0	V	M,CROATIA 0
BUNDOORA	3	V	G,BORO 3
BYE		V	ELTHAM
E,BRUN/IVA	2	V	ESS,DON 1
LALOR UTD	5	V	KEON PK 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor U	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
E,brun/	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
G,boro	2	1	1	0	6	3	3
Bundoor	2	1	1	0	6	4	3
M,croat	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
N,cote	2	1	0	1	2	4	2
Pt,melb	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
H,thorn	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Ess,don	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Eltham	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Keon Pk	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

WESTERN A

SUN,HTS	V	BYE	
ST ALBANS	2	V	MELTON 0
KEILOR	V	BYE	
ALTONA CTY	0	V	N,GEE 8
SUN PARK	5	V	H/PK/ASTY 1
BYE	V	E,ALTONA	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N,gee	2	2	0	0	10	1	4
Sun Par	1	1	0	0	5	1	2
St Alba	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Sun,hts	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Altona	2	1	0	1	5	8	2
Keilor	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
H/pk/as	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
Melton	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
E,alton	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

WESTERN B

M,VALE	13	V	ALBION 0
ALTONA GAT	V	BYE	
MELB CTY	4	V	GEORGE X 2
BYE	V	NTH,SUN	
SYD PARK	3	V	W,SUBS 4
BRINTONS	V	BYE	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
W,subs	2	2	0	0	6	4	4
W,vale	1	1	0	0	13	0	2
Nth,sun	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Altona	1	1	0	0	4	3	2
Melb Ct	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Albion	2	1	0	1	3	13	2
Brinton	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
George	2	0	0	2	5	8	0
Syd Par	2	0	0	2	3	7	0

UNDER 13

EASTERN A

SEAFORD	3	V	BENT GR 0
M/BARK	0	V	DONC.R 0
C,BOURNE	1	V	LYNDALE 1
L,WARN	1	V	CLARINDA 3
B,MARIS	6	V	WAV/LEY CT 0
CROYDON	1	V	E/RICH 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E/rich	2	2	0	0	7	3	4
B,maris	2	1	1	0	7	1	3
Lyndale	2	1	1	0	5	2	3
Donc.R	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Clarind	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
Seaford	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
C,bourn	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Wav/ley	2	1	0	1	4	8	2
M/bark	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Bent Gr	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
L,warn	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
Croydon	2	0	0	2	3	7	0

EASTERN B

MONBULK	0	V	R,WOOD CTY 2
WAV,UTD	18	V	HASTINGS 0
HAMPTON	1	V	MORDI 6
SANDY	2	V	SS/VALE 4
G,WAV	V	E,BENT	
F,HILL	2	V	M,TON 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Wav,utd	1	1	0	0	18	0	2
Monbulk	2	1	0	1	9	3	2
Mordi	1	1	0	0	6	1	2
Ss/vale	1	1	0	0	4	2	2
R,wood	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
F,hill	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
M,ton	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
G,wav	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E,bent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandy	2	0	0	2	3	0	0
Hampton	1	0	0	1	1	6	0
Hasting	2	0	0	2	1	77	0

NTH/WEST A

NTH.SUN	0	V	N'COTE 3
ALT.GATE	2	V	MELB.CROAT 0
BRUN.CY	2	V	LALOR 2
ALT.CY	4	V	LALOR UTD 1
FAWKNER	3	V	WEST.SUBS 0
BYE	V	REGENT	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	2	2	0	0	10	0	4
Alt.Gat	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Lalor U	2	1	0	1	8	4	2
Regent	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
Melb.Cr	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Alt.Cy	2	1	0	1	4	5	2
N'cote	2	1	0	1	3	7	2
Lalor	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
Brun.Cy	2	0	1	1	2	9	1
West.Su	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Nth.Sun	2	0	0	2	2	7	0

NTH/WEST B

ALBION	2	V	MORELAND 4
T.TOMN	V	BYE	
SYD.PK	0	V	ESS.CY 8
BYE	V	S.G.I.	
CLIF.HILL	3	V	M.NONG 0
NEW.COLL	2	V	E.GEEL 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Morelan	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
Ess.Cy	2	1	1	0	10	2	3
S.G.I.	1	1	0	0	5	0	2
Clif.Hi	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
T.Town	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
E.Geel	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
New.Col	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Albion	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
M.Nong	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Syd.Pk	2	0	0	2	0	13	0

NTH/WEST C

NTH.UTD	0	V	M.FIEL RAN 0
YARRAVILLE	7	V	ROSANNA 0
SUNBURY	1	V	PRESTON B 6
B.MEADOWS	0	V	ELTHAM 1
BYE	V	MERRIBEE	
KEON.PK	0	V	WESTGATE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarravi	2	2	0	0	12	1	4
Westgat	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Nth.Utd	2	1	1	0	3	0	3
Eltham	2	1	1	0	5	4	3
Preston	2	1	0	1	7	6	2
Merribee	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
M.Fiel	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
B.Meado	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Sunbury	2	0	1	1	5	10	1
Keon.Pk	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Rosanna	2	0	0	2	0	10	0

RICOH S/LEAGUE

F/STON UTD	0	V	MITCHAM 1
PRESTON A	0	V	S/VALE CTY 1
CLAYTON	0	V	G,GULLY 2
H/BERG UTD	1	V	B,U.JUVE 1
KARINGAL	1	V	ST ALBANS 1
C.FIELD CT	0	V	E,ALTONA 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S/vale	2	2	0	0	7	3	4
E,alton	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Mitchaa	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
St Alba	2	1	1	0	6	1	3
G,gully	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
B,u.Juv	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
Karinga	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
H/berg	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Preston	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
F/ston	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
Clayton	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
C.Field	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

UNDER 14

EASTERN A

BYE	V	MITCHAM	
BULLEEN	0	V	G,LEIGH 2
WAV UTD	V	BYE	
SEAFORD	3	V	CLARINDA 0
NUNA	3	V	F/STON PIN 3
SS/VALE	6	V	B,MARIS 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Seaford	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
Ss/vale	2	1	1	0	7	4	3
Clarind	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
G,leigh	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Nuna	2	0	2	0	5	5	2
F/ston	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
Mitchaa	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Bulleen	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
B,maris	2	0	0	2	5	9	0
Wav Utd	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

EASTERN B

G,WAV	V	BOX HILL	
PK,MORE	V	BYE	
OAK SUBS	3	V	S/VALE UTD 2
S/VALE CTY	4	V	F.T.G 2
BERWICK	8	V	MACCABI 0
C,FIELD	1	V	WAV CTY 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick	2	2	0	0	11	2	4
Oak Sub	2	2	0	0	11	3	4
C,field	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Wav Cty	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
S/vale	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
S/vale	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
G,wav	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pk,more	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Box Hil	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
F.T.G	2	0	0	2	3	12	0
Maccabi	2	0	0	2	0	11	0

EASTERN C

F.STON UTD	2	V	HASTINGS 2
DONC.ROV	5	V	CLAYTON 0
BYE	V	SHER.RANG	
L.WARRIN	1	V	CROYDON 1
D.NONG	1	V	BAXTER 3
BYE	V	CHELSEA	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Donc.Ro	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Hasting	2	1	1	0	6	3	3
L.Warri	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Baxter	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Clayton	2	1	0	1	4	8	2
Croydon	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
F.Ston	2	0	1	1	5	6	1
Sher.Ra	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Chelsea	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
D.Nong	2	0	0	2	2	7	0

NTH/WEST A

S/SHINE PK	2	V	N,COTE 1
BYE	V	M/CROATIA	
BYE	V	H,BERG UTD	
ALTONA CTY	1	V	GEORGE X 1
CLIFTON	2	V	MALVERN 1
BYE	V	G,GULLY	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Clifton	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
M/croat	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
G,gully	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
S/shine	2	1	0	1	3	5	2
George	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Altona	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
H,berg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malvern	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
N,cote	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

NTH/WEST B

GEELONG	V	LALOR UTD	
T.TOMN	V	M.MEADOWS	
BYE	V	WESTGATE	
BYE	V	M.NONG UTD	
N.RESERVOI	V	BYE	
ESS.CY	V	LALOR	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N.Reser	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Geelong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lalor U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Meado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westgat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Nong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lalor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ess.Cy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NTH/WEST C

GEELONG	V	LALOR UTD	
T,TOMN	V	M/MEADOWS	
BYE	V	WST GATE	
BYE	V	M,NONG UTD	
NTH RES	V	BYE	
ESS,DON	V	LALOR	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth Res	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T,town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Geelong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lalor U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M/meado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wst Gat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M,nong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lalor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ess,don	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RICOH S/LEAGUE

PEN	2	V	LALOR UTD 0
E,BENT	1	V	S/VALE CTY 7
PRESTON	2	V	N,GEEL 0
S,SHINE HT	0	V	JUVE 2
FAWKNER	2	V	KNOX 1
F,HILL	0	V	REGENT 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S/vale	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Preston	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Juve	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Regent	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
F,hill	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Pen	2	1	0	1	2	1	2
Fawkner	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
N,geel	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Lalor U	2	1	0	1	2	1	2
S,shine	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Knox	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
E,bent	2	0	0	2	1	9	0

UNDER 15

EASTERN A

M,BARK A	1	V	OAK A 3
HAWTHORN	0	V	S/VALE CTY 5
WAV,UTD	2	V	LYNDALE A 0
SS/VALE B	0	V	CLARINDA 5
BRIGHTON	0	V	MALVERN 2
C,FIELD	3	V	BENT,GREEN 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S/vale	2	2	0	0	8	0	4
Clarind	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Oak A	2	2	0	0	8	5	4
C,field	2	1	1	0	5	2	3
Malvern	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Wav,utd	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Lyndale	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Hawthor	2	0	1	1	1	6	1
Brighto	2	0	0	2	4	7	0
Bent,gr	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
M,bark	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Ss/vale	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

EASTERN B

MONBULK	1	V	R,WOOD CTY 8
P,MORE	V	LYNDALE B	
HAMPTON	2	V	E,RICH 0
L,WARN	2	V	M,BARK B 0
F,HILL	3	V	DINGLEY 1
OAK B	7	V	S,DANDY 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
R,wood	2	2	0	0	11	1	4
Oak B	2	2	0	0	11	3	4
Hampton	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
L,warn	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
F,hill	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
S,dandy	2	1	0	1	3	7	2
Lyndale	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
M,bark	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Monbulk	2	0	1	1	1	8	1
P,more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E,rich	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Dingley	2	0	0	2	3	7	0

NTH/WEST A

NTH UTD	8	V	BRUNS CTY 0
Y,VILL	0	V	ESS,DON 0
ALTONA CTY	1	V	H,BERG UTD 6
BYE	V	M,MEADOWS	
FAWKNER	7	V	CLIFTON 0
MEL CTY	V	BYE	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	2	2	0	0	14	0	4
Nth Utd	2	2	0	0	13	1	4
H,berg	2	2	0	0	10	3	4
Altona	2	1	0	1	3	6	2
Clifton	2	1	0	1	3	8	2
Y,vill	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Ess,don	2	0	1	1	1	5	1
Mel Cty	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
M,meado	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Bruns C	2	0	0	2	0	15	0

NTH WEST B

ALT.GATE	0	V	N.COTE 2
LAL.UTD	2	V	SUN.HGTS 0
LALOR	V	BYE	
S.G.I.	0	V	NTH/GEEL 2
BYE	V	WERRIBEE	
BYE	V	ALT.EAST	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth/gee	2	2	0	0	9	2	4
Alt.Eas	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Lal.Utd	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
N.Cote	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Alt.Gat	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
Werribe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lalor	1	0	0	1	2	7	0
Sun.Hgt	2	0	0	2	2	7	0
S.G.I.	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

NTH/WEST C

BYE	V	SUNBURY	
BYE	V	CROATIA B	
BUNDOORA	9	V	MEADOW PK 0
B,MEADOWS	V	BYE	
W,VALE	V	BYE	
ASCOT, ST	2	V	E,GEEL 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E,geel	2	1	1	0	5	2	3
Bundoor	1	1	0	0	9	0	2
W,vale	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
Ascot.	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sunbury	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
B,meado	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Meadow	1	0	0	1	0	9	0

RICOH S/LEAGUE

BYE	V	MITCHAM	
T.TOMN	0	V	MELB.CR A 3
PRESTON	3	V	ST.ALB 1
PRAHRAN	0	V	BU.JUVE 4
BERWICK	1	V	W.SUBS 2
SHT.SVALE	1	V	DONC.ROV 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bu.Juve	2	2	0	0	8	3	4
Donc.Ro	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
W.Subs	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Melb.Cr	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Preston	2	1	0	1	6	5	2
Mitchaa	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
St.Alb	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Sht.Sva	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Prahran	2	0	1	1	1	5	1
Berwick	2	0	0	2	3	5	0
T.Town	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

UNDER 16

EASTERN A

F,STON UTD	2	V	MITCHAM 0
SS/VALE	3	V	MEL,CTY 3
DANDY	V	BYE	
SEAFORD	0	V	MORDI 3
BYE	V	CONDORS	
S/VALE UTD	0	V	E,RICH 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E,rich	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Mordi	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
F,ston	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Condors	1	1	0	0	5	1	2
Ss/vale	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Mel,cty	2	0	1	1	5	6	1
Dandy	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Mitchaa	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
S/vale	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Seaford	2	0	0	2	0	9	0

EASTERN B

F/STON UTD	9	V	HASTINGS 1
DONC	3	V	KARINGAL 1
OAK SUBS	2	V	CHELSEA 1
C/BOURNE	0	V	K,BORO 3
M,BARK	V	BYE	
C/WOOD	6	V	F.T.G 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F/ston	2	2	0	0	11	1	4
Oak Sub	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Donc	2	1	1	0	5	3	3
C/wood	1	1	0	0	6	0	2
K,boro	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
M,bark	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
F.T.G	2	1	0	1	4	7	2
Chelsea	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Karinga	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
C/bourn	2	0	0	2	1	7	0
Hasting	2	0	0	2	3	12	0

NTH/WEST A

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HOW YOUR TEAM FARED

State League

ALTONA GATE 0 CROYDON CITY 0

Altona Gate and Croydon City fought out a 0-0 draw at Paisley Reserve last Saturday.

What seemed to have the recipe for a cracker Top-Four clash, fizzled into a non-event, as both teams in the first-half continued to give away unnecessary free-kicks for playing the man.

In the 9th minute Altona's Mendo Ristovski got a gash on his left shin, in the first of many crude tackles.

Moments later, with blood streaming from the wound, Ristovski was substituted by George Gagic and taken to hospital.

Gagic nearly proved to be a worthy substitution only 10 minutes later when he found himself on the end of a Zoran Todorovski cross from the left wing. The ball slipped through the stern Croydon defence, but Gagic's shot was struck straight at Croydon 'keeper, Mirko Runje.

With a stiff breeze behind it, Altona continued to dominate the first-half and Gagic again went close to scoring in the 35th minute. A shot from the edge of the box had Runje scrambling, but the ball rolled millimetres past the far post.

On half-time Croydon's Alan Roodhouse made a match-saving clearance off the goal-line. From a corner that was partially cleared, Altona's Simon Micevski shot on the turn with his right foot from an acute angle. The ball squeezed through a sea of legs and had Runje beaten, but Roodhouse was perfectly positioned to keep Croydon on level terms.

In the second-half both teams, to their credit, played a better brand of football, although there was less goalmouth action.

Croydon took over as the dominant side but failed to convert this into goals.

The draw did not aid either side in their championship aspirations, as Croydon dropped one place to third on the table, while Altona fell out of the Top Four to fifth.

COSTA KOUTROPOULOS

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MORWELL FALCONS 3 BULLEEN 0

ONCE again Bobby McLachlan had to re-shuffle his players due to injuries, leaving out of his starting line-up Harry Bingham and Roy Walsh for the second week in a row.

Despite the changes, Falcons dominated the game from the kickoff and were all over Tony Vrzinas' charges.

Falcons suffered another blow when after only 15 minutes Jim Nelson was fouled and suffered a recurrence of an old injury.

He battled on bravely but was substituted by Peter Gelagotis at the break.

Morwell peppered Bulleen's goal during the first half and apart from a chance at the 30 minute mark when Billy Wright sent the ball across the face of goal just wide of the upright, failed to find the net.

Bulleen had a golden opportunity just a few minutes into the second half when Fab Incantaloupo had a quick shot at point-blank range only to see Dave Reynolds gather the ball in nicely.

Darko Basara was first to find the net, at the 64th minute with a very neat one-two with Effie Cassar.

Ten minutes later Basara was instrumental in centring the ball for Wright to run onto and slam in Morwell's second.

It looked to be all over bar the shouting until, with two minutes to go, Morwell were awarded a free kick and Jeff Doyle sent forward a curling ball that hit the woodwork and bounced back into play where Jim McBride was lurking and was able to head past Roccioletti to seal the game for the La Trobe Valley side.

E.H.

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SPRINGVALE 1 NORTHCOTE 1

IN near perfect conditions, Springvale hosted Northcote City at Ross Reserve on Sunday, desperate to gain points and claw its way off the foot of the ladder.

In a game dominated by both defences, it was Northcote which can count itself lucky to come away with a point after the Vales squandered numerous chances early in the game, the main culprit seeming to be mid-fielder Peter Verechia.

In the opening minutes Steve Keenan sent over a cross which Verechia met with a firm header from six metres only to be denied by a fine save from goalkeeper Mark Tyrudia. A few minutes later Verechia went narrowly over the target after good work by Steve Keonan once again.

It was no surprise that Springvale took the lead midway through the first half when Brian Keenan took advantage of a miscued shot by Berrhechia and slotted the ball home.

Ten minutes later, Steve Keenan provided the chance of the match when he intercepted a backpass from defender Paul Harris, rounded goalkeeper Turudia and cut the ball back for Stan Webster who, with an empty goal in front of him, had his shot saved by a desperate block by man of the match George Kouremenos.

The second half was quite a contrast to the first, with Northcote creating several scoring chances only to be denied by great defending by Michael Bissinger and Dean Bryden, backed up by two fine saves by goalkeeper Brian.

The first from a superb Palmaricciotti freekick destined for the top corner of the net, the second after George Tsangas was put through on his own with the keeper to beat.

Northcote equalised 15 minutes into the second half when a free kick from the left by Nick Constantinou fell nicely for Kouremenos who squeezed the ball into the net from six metres.

Springvale sat back and let Northcote attack until the final whistle, with the teams content to share the points.

The game also saw the impressive debut of former Plymouth Argyle striker Justin Ashburn, who looks to be a tremendous acquisition and should help solve North's goalscoring woes.

MARK TURUDIA

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BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 RINGWOOD CITY 2

SHEER guts and determination won the game for Ringwood. For the first time this season fielding a full squad, Hans Petersen told his men to bring home the two points.

After a mighty effort they did not only bring those points home they also were the first team to defeat Juventus this season.

In the first 10 minutes Ringwood attacked the Juventus goal, put its defence under pressure and even created some good chances.

But the game swung around when in the 14th minute, Juventus was awarded a penalty for a tackle by Ron Verniers on Charlie Egan; and Charlie himself did not miss this opportunity to score, 1-0.

This incident unsettled the Ringwood defence completely and gave Juventus the opportunity to attack very strongly and they cut through the Ringwood defence with ease, creating and squandering many chances.

But in a counter-attack in the 37th minute, Ringwood forced a corner, which forced a Juventus defender to handle the ball in the penalty area. Michael Maguire made sure of the equaliser.

Juventus tried hard to swing the game its way in the second half but Ringwood kept very cool in defence and Colin Blackley in goal was outstanding with some fine saves.

The counter-attacks from Ringwood were always dangerous and John Davie and Peter Cocker especially, on the wings, were giving the Juventus defenders a headache.

When Juventus was already settling for a draw Ringwood set up another dangerous attack and John Davie's pass found Cocker at the right place and his shot was too much for Peter Laumets.

A hard-fought but well-deserved victory for Ringwood.

HANS LECHNER

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Victorian League Division One

MOOROOLBARK 1 OAKLEIGH 0

THE Barkers played host to ex-State League club Oakleigh at Esther Park, the Barkers eager to improve on their series of draws.

This they did with a very good display although goals were still hard to come by.

The Barkers were first into attack when player-coach French tested the Oakleigh keeper with a strong header. The Barkers were playing some attractive soccer, with Barry Burton outstanding.

But Oakleigh was fast and dangerous in attack and had the Barkers' defenders, Priestley and Hobson busy.

The first half ended with the Barkers seemingly in control but still not able to get the all-important goals.

Mooroolbark came out for the second half looking revved up and went straight into attack.

It looked only a matter of time before one or the other side would score.

The chance came for the Barkers when Graham French passed across the goal to find John Nyholt who beat Oakleigh keeper Alexandropoulos with a great shot.

Oakleigh did not give up and was unlucky when a fine effort by N. Gourlias had Barkers keeper Les Long at full stretch.

The Barkers held out to record a great home win and they remain unbeaten after five games.

The Barkers Reserves drew 1-1.

T.S.

Division Two

HEIDELBERG 2 WAVERLEY 0

Heidelberg: M. Barbas, S. Billenia, A. Ozdian, H. Ruiz, I. Barca, S. Almada, O. Radic, A. Salvo, O. Figueroa, M. Cabrera, G. Alfonso, L. Salvo, G. Delcampo, L. Machnca.

Waverley City: D. Bradley, P. Serdian, A. Perrec, C. Tsapatelis, A. Nielsen, A. Wilson, C. Whyte, T. Grimwade, G. Radcliffe, M. Budd, S. Rusmir, R. Parkin, G. Pavlou, C. Pavlou.

If Waverley thought this was to be a walkover against the bottom team they were in for a rude awakening. They never came to terms with a pitch which can only be described as a cow paddock.

The game started as if Waverley were going to run all over Heidelberg but the only chance came in the 20th minute when Rusmir cut inside and unleashed a shot, but Barbas made a great save going down to his left and turning the ball around the post.

At the other end Heidelberg started to come into the game and forced three corners but Bradley, in the Waverley goal, came off his line and cut out the danger.

While the pace was fast and furious neither defence was to give anything away and both goalkeepers were untroubled for the rest of the half.

The first 15 minutes of the second half were the same until Radic, the nippy winger for Heidelberg decided to change things. He met a pass from the right and although Bradley got a hand to his shot, he could not stop it entering the net.

For the fifth game in succession Waverley had gone behind but as usual it began to pour it on and it looked like it should have had a penalty when the ball was stopped on the line by a defender's arm, but the ref. waved play on.

Keeper Barbas became Heidelberg's hero when Radcliffe latched onto a pass and hit a screamer from 12 metres but had to watch in disbelief as, somehow, Barbas got down to his left-hand post and turned the ball around for a corner.

Waverley was reduced to 10 men with 15 minutes to go when Tsapatelis.

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who had been pushed forward to search for the equaliser, got his second booking but even with 10 it still did most of the attacking.

The sealer came in the last minute of the game with the Heidelberg spectators screaming for the whistle a long clearance again found Radio who squeezed the bal between Bradley and the post.

ERIC RICHARDSON

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Division Four

CLAYTON 3 KARINGAL 0

AFTER a disappointing game the previous against weekend Moreland and with the inclusion of Wells and Calenda, Clayton started with renewed enthusiasm.

Coach Frank Ruffold made some early positional changes which enabled Wells, DiIorio and D'Angelo to control the middle and set up many early chances.

At the 30th minute mark Vince Pansino was brought down in the penalty area and D'Angelo converted to put Clayton into the lines.

In the second half again Clayton created the chances but was not able to convert.

From a goal kick by Rick Messaria, which was headed on by Palleschi, Calenda nipped in to score Clayton's second.

Karingal appeared to be getting tired even though Bannon was winning the ball in themiddle.

Five minutes before time DiIorio, from a great 40 metres solo run, scored Clayton's third.

Although the game appeared to be one-sided, Karingal played it out well.

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Provisional League Division Two

EAST ALTONA 3 SOUTH DANDENONG 1

East Altona: C. Garanidis, G. Smith, N. Iositidis, J. Dimitriou, S. Hatzopoulos, P. Bednar, S. Sokolis, G. Meletis (N. Giannikos-45 min.), G. Xydias, A. Panayi, J. Christou.

Sth. Dandenong: R. Memishi, R. Lumani, A. Dogan, C. Yilmaz, M. Jusic, J. Elmazovski, E. Simsek (I. Sabanovski- 66 min.), K. Craven, S. Vahid, S. Yildirim, H. Sepetci.

LACKING the ingredients to get the pulses racing this certainly was not a game for the purists.

In the final analysis the full points were rightfully collected by the better side on the day.

The visitors' middle line was woefully unimaginative and their obsessive use of short passing only underlined the shortcomings in this department.

East Altona had several chances to put this game out of reach of South in the first half. Bednar, on his own shot wide and Iositidis let three chances go begging, although 'keeper Memishi did make a good point-blank save from one of Iositidis's efforts.

Altona registered its first goal three minutes after the break. Hatzopoulos put Bednar away down the right following a fatal loss of possession by midfielder, Vahid.

On a good day, Memishi would have saved but Bednar found the net with a well-taken angled shot.

Eight minutes later Memishi might again have been at faul twhen Xydias, on his own, scored via the far post.

South had their chances to get back in the game but Sepetci missed a sitter. The winger saw plenty of the ball all afternoon but lacked support.

Both he and Yildirim up front were generally well policed and posed few problems for Altona.

Six minutes from the end Bednar, from a free kick, ran through a static South defence to collect and lob an easy ball past Memishi.

With two minutes left, substitute, Sabanovski, scored a proverbial consolation goal for South which they hardly deserved.

A.J. HITCHMAN

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SNIPPETS Contd. from page 2

Misguided idiots of some anti-Greek group invaded the ground in the wee small hours, inflicting as much damage as their tiny minds could dream up.

It included wrecking ABC TV scaffolding behind one goal, trying to dig up portions of the pitch and spraying slogans on any surface that came within reach, like the goalposts that had to be repainted hurriedly and the dressing room doors.

Heidelberg officials asked me to photograph some of the damage, but film is too precious to waste on these mugs and I refused.

I hope those soccer journalists who insist on pandering to the whims of these divisive groups are happy with the results.

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WADEY IS WRITING FOR US

Through no fault of his own, Paul Wade, deserving winner of the last-ever NSL Rothmans Medal, has spent more time in 1989 watching the game than playing it.

After missing nearly half the season with a pelvic strain, he got back into the South line-up in time to be in the Socceroo line-up against Israel and New Zealand, only to break his leg as soon as the League resumed.

So he's out for the rest of this season, but with his customary ebullience, he's refusing to let it get him down, and he's joined as a guest columnist until he's back playing again.

On Anzac Day we gave him his first assignment, reporting South's NSL Cup semi-final against Adelaide City.

He describes in graphic detail how it felt on Page 3.

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NOT AGAIN... JEFF!

I'm always complaining bitterly about the lack of newspaper space our game commands, compared with other sports.

But I'm growing weary of reading one journalist, Jeff Wells of *The Australian*, who seems to have this obsession for writing about Frank Arok.

Since he discovered the Socceroos halfway through the year, the Clown Prince of Sports Journalism (as a reader so accurately described him recently) seems unable to leave his favourite subject alone.

He was at it again last week, in an article headed Arok of Ages (yuk!), or why Frank must stay.

Wells is a widely travelled, very experienced sports writer, in fact on some subjects he could be described as an expert.

In the last few months he has done to death Fenech, Gardner, Various cyclists and God knows what other sportsmen have fallen under his tautological scrutiny.

But it must be close season for them, so he feels constrained to waffle on about Arok again, and again, and again.

It wouldn't be so bad if he knew something about Australian soccer, at least then he could analyse Arok's possible competitors for the national coaching job and make out a reasonable case for keeping Arok.

But he hasn't done that much homework, so its waffle, waffle, waffle all the time.

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JUNIORS DETAILS

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RICOH S/LEAGUE

ST ALBANS	2	V	OAK	4
BULLEEN	0	V	S/VALE CITY	1
WAV UTD	1	V	H,BERG UTD	3
GEORGE I	2	V	JUVE	0
ALT GATE	4	V	PRESTON A	1
C,FIELD	0	V	T,TOWN	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S/vale	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Alt Gat	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
H,berg	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
George	2	2	0	0	4	0	4
Oak	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Wav Utd	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
T,town	2	1	0	1	1	2	2
C,field	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Preston	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Bulleen	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Juve	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

NORTHERN

ALBION	3	V	N,CITY	1
N,GEEL	1	V	H,BERG UTD	4
JUVE	1	V	FAWKNER	2
CROATIA	3	V	GEEL CITY	1
H,BERG CITY		V	BYE	
CLIFTON	1	V	N,MORE	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N,berg	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Fawkner	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
Croatia	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Juve	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Clifton	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
N,este	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Albion	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
N,more	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
H,berg	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Geel Ct	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
N,geel	2	0	0	2	2	8	0

UNDER 18 EASTERN

MORDI		V	BYE	
P,MORE	1	V	CLAYTON	1
KARINGAL	0	V	HELLAS	3
BOX HILL	2	V	MEL CITY	3
BRIGHTON	1	V	CROYDON	1
ALTONA CITY	0	V	E,RICH	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mel Cty	2	2	0	0	14	3	4
E,rich	2	2	0	0	9	0	4
Hellas	2	2	0	0	6	0	4
Mordi	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Brighto	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Croydon	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Clayton	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
P,more	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Altona	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Box Hil	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
Karinga	2	0	0	2	1	14	0

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GEELONG SOCCER

By ROY HAY

THE Geelong soccer teams dominance of the Victorian Leagues took a big dent last weekend.

North Geelong and Geelong both lost in Division Two.

North went down by five goals to three at home to Ringwood United and Geelong crashed four-one away to Coburg.

North went off to a two-nil lead, thanks to goals by Ivan Skoko and Jack Caran and led by that score at the interval.

Within a couple of minutes all the good work was undone as sloppy defensive work led to Ringwood equalising through Vasic and Pasovski. Ringwood went ahead through a penalty kick and Gasco got a fourth goal. Skoko scored again, but this was cancelled out by further Ringwood goal by Gasco as North slumped to defeat.

Geelong was always struggling at Coburg, going three nill down before pulling one back. Both sides missed penalty kicks and Coburg added a fourth goal before the end. "They just blitzed us, and were too good on the day" said star striker, Darren Tuck, who this time was the provider for Liam McCloskey's goal for Geelong.

Bell Park retained leadership of Division Three thanks to two penalty goals against Clarinda which missed the penalty kick awarded to it.

Tommy Cumming and George Watters exchanged passes in the penalty area, but Watters was brought down and Sam McNeilage's ferocious kick almost lifted the cross-bar off on its way in.

Park found the bumpy conditions and the probing runs of Koziaris and Con Nitsikas very hard to handle.

Ten minutes into the second half, Clarinda's Kostoglou was sent off and then Tommy Cumming was brought down as he headed for goal.

He bounced up to take the kick, and score, but when Koziaris was given a similar opportunity he blasted the ball high over the bar.

Corio-Geelong United lost its first goal of the season, and its first match as a result, against Mornington at Hume Reserve. The home team had many chances to break back, after Mornington had opened the scoring in the first ten minutes.

A corner-kick floated over the defence leaving a free header for Prince of Mornington at the far post.

Hamlyn Rangers continued its good run as it beat Keysborough by two goals to nil at Myers Reserve.

Two goals in the first half by Andy Munro and Darren Nelson seemed only the forerunners of a big score, but Hamlyn had to settle for that winning margin.

In the Provisional League, East Geelong's dismal start to the season continued as it lost by the odd goal in five at Waverley United Jimmy Todorovski and Will Talev scored for East.

Ashley McIntyre of Brintons was unlucky not to have a hat-trick to his name in the first ten minutes in Brintons two-all draw with Frankston United. McIntyre scored first after thirty seconds. Tony Reed pulled the defence apart and McIntyre added a second within five minutes, then missed the easiest chance of the lot from a few metres out.

Frankston fought back and Brian Young scored with a flic header and Clive Howarth's own goal put the home team back on terms.

All this excitement came in the first half-hour and the score remained the same till the end.

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FRIDAY MAY 5th

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STATE LEAGUE — RD 10

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BULLEEN v RINGWOOD CITY. .....
CAULFIELD C. v SPRINGV. CITY. .....
NORTHCOTE CITY v ST ALBANS .....
BU JUVENTUS v ALTONA GATE. .....

SUNDAY MAY 7th

THOMASTOWN v MARIBYRNONG P/A .....
BOX HILL v MORWELL FALCONS. .....
FRANKSTON PINES v GREEN GULLY. .....
CRODYON CITY v FAWKNER .....

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SANDRINGHAM C v MOOROOLBARK. .....
ESSENDON CITY v DOVETON .....
WESTGATE v NUNAWADING CITY. .....
DANDENONG v WERRIBEE. .....
KNOX CITY v BROADMEADOWS CITY. .....

SUNDAY MAY 7th

ALBION v MORDIALLOC .....

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KEILOR v NORTH GEELONG .....
WAVERLEY CITY v PORT MELB. .....
GEELONG v SUNBURY UNITED .....
BRIGHTON v COBURG. .....
CLIFTON HILL v DONCASTER ROVERS. .....

DIV. 3 — SATURDAY MAY 6th

MORNINGTON v ALTONA CITY .....
ELTHAM v CORIO/GEELONG .....
HOLLAND PARK v SEAFORD UN .....
SPRINGVALE UN v MOORABBIN CITY .....
CHELSEA v LALOR UNITED. .....
BELL PARK v HAWTHORN. .....
YALLOURN v CLARINDA .....

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KEYSBOROUGH v FERNTREE GULLY .....
REGENT v LANGWARRIN .....
BORONIA v HAMLYN RANGERS. .....
BENTLEIGH GREENS v ROSANNA. .....
E. BRUNSWICK v PASCOE VALE .....

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NORTH SUNSHINE v PRAHRAN .....
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MALVERN CITY v MOSSFIEL RANGERS. .....
SPRINGVALE CONDORS v MELTON .....
OAKLEIGH SUBURBS v SOUTH YARRA

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BRINTONS v UNI. OF MELB. .....
GLENROY v FRAKSTON UNITED .....
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CRANBOURNE v LALOR. .....
MONASH UNIV. v ASCOT ST MARKS. .....
STH DANDENONG v BALLARAT. .....

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LYNDALE UNITED v WANTIRNA .....
CARRUM UNITED v MITCHAM UNITED. .....
RIVERSDALE v MEADOW PARK. .....
RINGWOOD ROVERS v NORTH CLAYTON .....
MONBULK v BRANDON PARK. .....
KEW EAGLES v BATMAN UNITED. .....

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WAVERLEY WANDERERS v PHILLIP IN .....
NORTHERN UNITED v HAWTHORN UTD .....
DIGGERS REST v OAKLEIGH UNITED .....
BALWAYN CITY v COLLINGWOOD CITY. .....
EAST RICHMOND v ANSTEY UNITED .....
LATROBE UNI. v KEILOR UNITED .....

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ENDEAVOUR HILLS v CAMB. GRAMMAR. .....
INTERCITY v CONCORDE. .....
MELBOURNE UNI. v RMIT .....
OLD SCOTCH v FURLAN UNITED. .....
YARRA UNITED v MACCABI .....

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FOOTSCRAY UN. v HIGHPOINT .....
MIDDLE PARK v ANZ BANK. .....
MONTROSE v NORTHCOTE UTD .....

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MELB. RUMANIA v GLENROY DOXA UTD. .....
ROWVILLE UNITED v FLAMINGO. .....
S'VALE EAGLES v THOMASTOWN UTD. .....
YOUTH UNITED v COOMOORA SPIDERS. .....

OVERSEAS NEWS

Rangers just one game away from Scottish 'treble'

LONDON: Rangers completed the second leg of its Scottish treble bid when it clinched the Premier League crown on Saturday.

Englishmen Mel Sterland and Kevin Drinkell both scored twice as Rangers beat Hearts 4-0 at Ibrox.

Former Sheffield Wednesday defender Sterland gave Rangers an 18th-minute lead by firing in a free kick and added his second five minutes from the interval.

Drinkell struck after the break, in the 57th and 70th minutes.

Ironically, the Premier Division title was assured for Rangers by its Glasgow rival Celtic, the outgoing champion, drawing 0-0 at Aberdeen.

Rangers, already winner of the League Cup, faces Celtic in the Scottish FA Cup final next month.

But as the champagne corks popped Rangers players were reflecting on reports that European Cup Winners' Cup finalist Sampdoria wants to take their manager Graeme Souness back to Italy.

Souness, the 35-year-old former Scotland skipper, played for Sampdoria for two years before joining Rangers.

Sampdoria is apparently worried about losing its Yugoslav coach Vujadin Boskov, who has been linked with Spanish giants Real Madrid.

In England chief interest centred on the battle at the bottom of the first division.

At the top, neither Arsenal nor Liverpool was in action. Liverpool will play for the first time since the Hillsborough tragedy in the Merseyside derby against Everton at Goodison Park on Wednesday night.

Bottom but one Newcastle took another step towards the drop when it crashed 4-0 at Wimbledon, three of the goals coming in six minutes near the end.

Dennis Wise's 26th minute penalty gave Wimbledon the lead and then Paul Miller (77), Vinny Jones (80) and substitute Steve Cotterill (83) finished off the Geordies.

Luton, in the third relegation place, boosted its hopes of survival with a 3-0 win, its first in 11 games, at home to Derby. Luton took a first-minute lead through Danny Wilson's penalty and Mick Harford (63) and Kingsley Black (82) got the others.

Luton is now just a point behind Charlton which lost at Queen's Park Rangers to a 42nd-minute Andy Sinton goal.

Andy Gray's 90th-minute equaliser saved Aston Villa at home to Middlesbrough, which led through Peter Davenport's 63rd-minute effort. But neither club is safe yet.

Indications are that Tottenham, in fifth place, will put up a serious title challenge next season.

The London club stormed to a 5-0 win at Millwall, with Paul Stewart getting a hat-trick, and has now lost only once in 14 games. Paul Walsh and Vinny Samways scored the other goals.

Gary Bannister's 72nd-minute goal proved to be the winner for Coventry at Manchester United.

LONDON: Liverpool has informed the Football Association that it is willing to replay the cup semi-final with Nottingham Forest — abandoned because of the April 15 Hillsborough tragedy — at Old Trafford, Manchester, next Sunday.

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GIFT FOR OLYMPIC

Sydney Olympic gained an unexpected gift with a struggling 1-0 win over Sydney Croatia in a poorly-attended match at the Sydney Football Stadium on Sunday.

After a scoreless first half, substitute Michael McGarry lofted a free kick into the goal area in the 83rd minute which was blocked away to Robert Ironside who volleyed the winer into the net from eight metres.

Olympic constantly broke into the Croatia defence area and tested new keeper John Krajnovic, who had replaced the injured Anthony Franken.

Ironside, Grant Lee and Alistair Edwards forced the keeper to concede corners as they got within shooting range with midfielder Gary Phillips dictating play.

Only the efforts of Croatia midfielder Alan Hunter kept the team in the game but without a scoring attempt in the first half from the striking trio of Robbie Slater, Manis Lamond and Graham Arnold.

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MAN OF THE MATCH:

● *ROBERT IRONSIDE*

PRESTON DAMAGES WOLVES EARLY

Title contender Preston Makedonia did all the damage in the first half to beat Wollongong City 3-2 at Brandon Park on Sunday.

Preston had four clear scoring chances before half time and put three of them away.

The Melbourne team handled the boggy conditions better than Wollongong and deserved to take home the two points.

But Wollongong coach John Fleming may have been right when he said it could have been a different story if his team had a bit more luck midway through the first half, when the score was 1-1.

Robert Markovac put the visitors ahead after eight minutes, heading in a pin-point cross from Andrew Zinni on the right.

pat Brodnik put Wollongong level in the 17th minute after Preston failed to get a Bryon Cokely corner kick clear.

But two quick goals by Steve Smith put Preston well clear. It wasn't until four minutes into injury time that Wollongong's midfielder David Skeen made it 2-3.

Preston captain George Petrov said after the game he was unhappy that Wollongong had been allowed to get a late goal.

He said his team have developed the habit of conceding goals late in recent games and it has cost them points.

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MAN OF THE MATCH:

● *STEVE SMITH*

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